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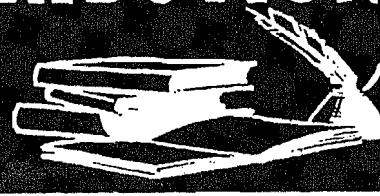
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Messages and Articles on Various Topics of Interest



THE MYSTERY TREE

BY BRIGADIER SULOCANA BAI, India

SOME years ago there stood on a farm in Satara District, India, a tree famed for miles around; people called it the "Tree of Mystery" for it was distinctive and stood apart. When the leaves of other trees were withering, the leaves of this tree were green and flourishing.

The mystery tree occupied a conspicuous position upon a hilltop; people came from far to see it and little children loved to play under its branches. The building of a new highway sealed the mystic tree's fate. The hill had to be levelled and the tree cut down. Labourers appeared on the scene and went to work. It seemed sacrilege, but after the grand tree was felled its secret was revealed. Deep down in that

hill was a never-failing spring of clear, cool water; true to the urge of nature, the tree had sent its roots deep in the soil moistened by the spring.

This is a parable of the Christian who, through faith, has deep springs of the Spirit from which to draw. No matter how severe the seasons he stands up against the storms. He has tapped an invisible reservoir of strength and comfort. Such a person says the Psalmist is "like a tree planted by the rivers of water". What lovelier figure is there in the immortal book of Psalms than this?

I remember learning this first chapter when I was a small girl. I did not understand the meaning of the text until I was fourteen years

of age and heard the story of the tree. Now I know, and so may you, that as a well-watered tree is empowered with leafy beauty and fruit where other trees are withering, so our life flourishes when Christ, the water of life, is the secret source of our spiritual renewing.

The fruit of the spirit, love, long-suffering, meekness and the will to bear another's burdens will grow no other way. "The law of Christ is the law of love" and by His grace we may fulfil that law and prosper.

"Like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season: his leaf also shall not wither: and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper" (Psalm 1:3).

Help For Those Resolutions

Mankind offers from day to day the best it can do, and the most beautiful things it can enjoy, without thinking that every day may be the last, and that lost time is lost eternity!" once declared Max Müller. How potent is the thought expressed in this poem, rescued from an old scrapbook.

DREAM not too much of what you will do tomorrow, How well you will work perhaps another year; Tomorrow's chance you do not need to borrow— Today is here!

Boast not too much of mountains you will master, The while you linger in the vale below; To dream is well, but plodding brings us faster To where we go.

Talk not too much about some new endeavour You mean to make a little later on; Who idles now will idle on forever Till life is done.

Swear not some day to break some habit's fetter, When this old year is dead and passed away; If you have need of living wiser, better, Begin today!

READY FOR SACRIFICE

SIR Wilfred Grenfell, the great English missionary physician who devoted his life to improving the living conditions of the inhabitants of Labrador and Newfoundland often went to college student groups for recruits.

"We have to determine," he would say to the students, "whether this is an arena where we fight to get what we can for ourselves, or a field of honour where we give all we can for our fellow men."

It is said that following his appeal the young men would spring to their feet by scores, and he could not take back to Labrador all who would go with him to wrestle with cold and ignorance and disease.

One life: a gleam of time between two eternities.—Thomas Carlyle.

IT WAS THE BEST GIFT

By Young People's Sergeant-Major Charles Gillard, Mount Dennis

IT had been a difficult day, one that right from its commencement had been fraught with problems and tensions. Days that are common to man in the merry-go-round of present-day living.

News of the day brought little comfort, war and rumours of war, refugees fleeing their homeland, and on the home-front, murder, robberies with violence, and tragic fatalities on the highways.

Radio and television brought no relief or relaxation. Speed, noise and discord seemed to predominate. Balancing this everywhere were signs of Christmas with its message of peace and goodwill, and gifts in abundance, but was there really peace anywhere?

Rest and sleep would be a welcome relief, but there was no sleep. On goes the light, and the hand reached for the little New Testament, the same one that had always been near at hand—yes—even on those nights in the slit trenches of Normandy. What message would it have to-night?

Turning to St. John's Gospel with the events of the Garden of Gethsemane, the crucifixion of our Lord, on to His glorious resurrec-

tion. These words seem to stand out this evening. "Then the same day at evening . . . came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them 'Peace be unto you'."

Surely these had been trying and difficult days for the followers of Jesus too. Their day had been fraught with problems and tensions. The recent events brought little comfort. Their Saviour had been crucified—their own lives were in peril, so they shut themselves up in a room for fear of the Jews.

But the grave couldn't hold the Saviour—the shut doors didn't keep Him out, for Jesus came and stood in the midst and saith; "Peace be unto you." There was His message for me to-night! In spite of all cir-

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Decide Now For Christ!

Acknowledge that you are a sinner in the sight of God. Be willing to give up wrong-doing of every kind and put right, as far as possible, any wrong you may have done.

Call upon Him then, today, for He says, "Whosoever cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out." Confess your sin and seek God's forgiveness. Accept His pardon by faith in Jesus Christ's atonement for your sin. Make restitution, as far as possible for wrongs done to others in your unsaved state.

The Devil will try to lead you into sin again. But God is able to keep you from falling, or to restore your soul if you should, in an unguarded moment, give way to the enemy. Fill in the form if you have decided to accept Christ.

Name Date

Address

(Contact the nearest Salvation Army officer for further spiritual help or write THE EDITOR—The War Cry—471 Jarvis St. Toronto, 5, Ont.)

Daily Devotions

CLIP AND CARRY IN YOUR BIBLE

SUNDAY—

Mark 1:13 "He was tempted of Satan." His oneness with the Father did not free Jesus from temptation. Happy are we if our temptation ends as His did, in the choice of the Way of the Cross, rather than of the kingdom of this world.

MONDAY—

Mark 1:14-28. "Come ye after Me and I will make you . . . fishers of men." Jesus still calls us to leave all and follow Him in His high and noble purposes. He sees in us great possibilities for happy and fruitful service. He invites and pleads but will not force obedience. Should we refuse we shall miss fellowship with Him, and the heart-satisfying joys and eternal reward to the soul-winner.

TUESDAY—

Mark 1:29-39. "Rising up a great while before day He . . . prayed." The Saviour realized the necessity for close and constant communion with His Father. If busy all day, He would spend time in prayer after sunset, or before sunrise. In this as in all else, He is our example. "A holy life" says one writer, "would not be so difficult a thing were our devotions not so short and hurried."

WEDNESDAY—

Mark 1:40-45. "And Jesus moved with compassion . . . touched him." Jesus could have healed this man with a word. His compassionate spirit, however, read the longing of the lonely outcast for human love and sympathy, so He chose to "touch" him clean. How that loving touch must have thrilled the leper with new hope as well as new health!

THURSDAY—

Mark 2:1-12. "They could not come nigh unto Him for the press." There is



always a "press"—some obstacle or hindrance to be overcome before we can get near to Jesus. Very often, like Zacchaeus, we are hindered by other people who come between us and the Master. But, "Where there's a will there's a way."

FRIDAY—

Mark 2:13-28. "No man seweth a piece of new cloth on an old garment." To do so is sure to result in the discovery that, "the rent is made worse." So to attempt to reform our own evil hearts or characters by dropping the worst of our sins and adding a few good deeds is utterly useless. What we need is a "new heart," and that the Saviour waits to give to all sincere seekers.

SATURDAY—

Mark 3:1-19. "That they should be with Him, and that He might send them forth."

First seek the Saviour out and dwell beneath the shadow of His roof, Till thou hast scanned His features well, And know Him for the Christ by proof, Then potent with the spell of Heaven, Go, and thy erring brother gain; Entice him home to be forgiven, Till he, too, see his Saviour plain.

(Continued from column 3) circumstances, there comes the Saviour to His children with His gift, for it is given to those who believe.

"Peace, peace, sweet peace, Wonderful gift from above, Oh wonderful wonderful peace, Sweet peace, the gift of God's love."

Surely it was the BEST GIFT . . . so out goes the light, now I can rest.

THE WAR CRY

The "We Believe" Series

One Supreme Being

BY SENIOR-CAPTAIN ARTHUR PITCHER, Vancouver, B.C.

Sr.-Captain A. Pitcher was born in Winterton, Newfoundland, and educated in St. John's, at The Salvation Army College. He taught school in Newfoundland for eleven years, part of this time as an officer-teacher. Commissioned in 1939, he commanded several corps in Newfoundland and was, for four years, divisional young people's secretary. He was appointed to Partington Avenue, Windsor, Ont. In 1949, then to Chatham, Ont., Edmonton Citadel, Alta., and Vancouver Temple, B.C., his present command.

"WE BELIEVE THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD, WHO IS INFINITELY PERFECT, THE CREATOR, PRESERVER AND GOVERNOR OF ALL THINGS, AND WHO IS THE ONLY PROPER OBJECT OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP."

OUR Christian conception of God, and the Hebrew concept which preceded it, makes it difficult for us to realize how the idea of the existence, power and purposes of ONE GOD was fraught with tremendous mental and spiritual difficulties for the man long ages ago. Man, whose problems, even in remote and comparatively simple days were wide and varied, failed to comprehend that the solution of his problems, the answer to his needs, and the provision for his physical, mental and spiritual requirements all existed in ONE GREAT MIND, and emanated from one GREAT BEING. It was the custom in those far-away days for a man to decide what his need was, and then to appeal to the appropriate deity, usually an image he had fashioned himself.

To the Israelites, coming from their land of bondage in Egypt, where people sought the altars of designated gods for special needs and circumstances, it was harder than we realize for them to envisage a God who could provide manna to appease their physical hunger, strength to conquer their enemies, fertility for family and field, and righteousness to cleanse their waywardness and sin. It became a matter of extreme urgency that the great pronouncements of law should be preceded with one clear-cut message, spoken over and over again until its pattern was woven into the nation's brain, "Hear, O Israel, the Lord your God is one Lord."

The whole Biblical record is based on this truth. There is but One Will moving in the throne room of the universe, one programme for mankind, originating in One Mind, and occupying the attention of One Great Being.

This God, we aver, is infinitely perfect. Let us pause shamefacedly to admit that we have sometimes tried to weigh the perfection of God in our own imperfect balances, and sometimes in our supreme idiocy we have tried to prove Him as coming short. A war, an accident, a strange and incomprehensible experience and we mutter under our breath, "Why did God act thus?" We fail to realize that the eternal eyes—before which the whole panorama of our experience lies outstretched—see what we believe to be catastrophe through perfect eyes. If the event originated with Him it had its seed in perfect love, and can only produce love's effect. If it originated somewhere else, the God who allows it to touch me sees what, for me, the ultimate result will be, and permits it. The perfection of God is not a perfection to be measured in human balances, for it is

"INFINITELY PERFECT," and we have no measure with which to measure the infinite.

The CREATOR. What have we done in our sophisticated age with this beautiful word? Because science uses the terms "adaptation," or "natural selection" or "evolution," and these terms have become so much a part of our language, some have committed to the shadows of buried, beautiful things one of our loveliest words—"Creator." Through whatever stages this world has passed, with whatever forces it has contended, under whatever influences it has been moulded into its present shape, through whatever vicissitudes of force or circumstance man has passed, my spirit goes back . . . back beyond it all to where a world existed only in the infinite mind of an infinite God, and sprang into being at the command of an infinite will, and to where—patterned after the Divine Image—man came, a new and wonderful being fresh from the creative hand of God.

The PRESERVER. God did not create a universe for chaos, nor start the marvellously synchronized movements of the planetary system only to have them run down into a jumble of confusion and discord. The sparrow's wing is designed to carry it swiftly from danger; the fur of the snowshoe rabbit changes with the changing of the seasons; an almost indistinguishably swift muscle closes the eye against the wind-blown speck of dust. This is preservation; but it means far more than that. The fact that the processes of man's civilizations have left him with what he has today and have not succeeded in annihilating him, or taking him back to his days of struggle to survive, is due to God's preservation. And that is not all, for even in a world where materialism lays its hands like an icy pall on the spirits of men, something else is being preserved, something which we call faith, something which bows its head under the bludgeoning of circumstance, refuses to yield its divinely implanted privilege and, in spite of every attempt to thwart him prays. For God, who created us, preserves within us the consciousness of Himself.

GOVERNOR OF ALL THINGS. This faith works not only for our physical and spiritual existence, but makes us aware of a discipline beyond human origin—of a controlling power to which we are prone to yield allegiance, and against which we rebel when we are driven to do so by another force—a mutinous force born of our own lust, or disobedience. The Creator and Preserver of the universe keeps His hand on its destiny; the Author and Finisher of our faith uses it to bind us to Him with a Heaven-engendered loyalty. It is as necessary in our day as it has ever been to learn what Nebuchadnezzar learnt long ago: "The Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men."

Let me conclude by saying that if these things are true, we should be foolish indeed to lay our homage at a lesser throne, to worship at the feet of an inferior Being. God came down, dwelt among us, procured for us the way back to His Throne, and the right He bought is the right to lay our lives and our adoration at the feet of the "ONE AND ONLY TRUE GOD."

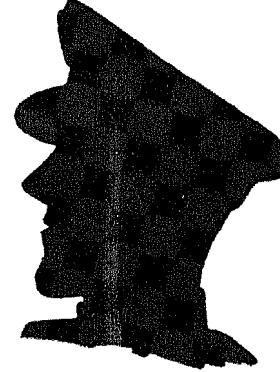
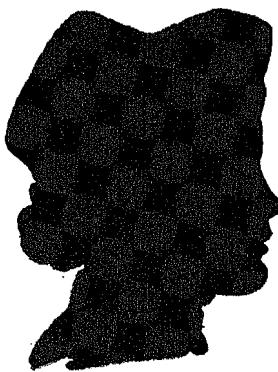


ELEVEN UNALTERABLE BELIEFS

We Believe==

that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God and that they only constitute the divine rule of Christian faith and practice
that there is only one God, who is infinitely perfect, the Creator, Preserver and Governor of all things, and who is the only proper object of religious worship
that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost — undivided in essence, and co-equal in power and glory
that in the person of Jesus Christ the divine and human natures are united, so that He is truly and properly God, and truly and properly man
that our first parents were created in a state of innocence, but by their disobedience they lost their purity and happiness, and that in consequence of their fall all men have become sinners, totally depraved, and, as such, are justly exposed to the wrath of God
that the Lord Jesus Christ has, by His suffering and death, made an atonement for the whole world, so that whosoever will may be saved
that repentance toward God, faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit are necessary to salvation
that we are justified by grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and that he that believeth hath the witness in himself
that continuance in a state of salvation depends upon continued obedient faith in Christ
that it is the privilege of all believers to be "wholly sanctified," and that their "whole spirit and soul and body" may "be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thess. v. 23)
in the immortality of the soul, in the resurrection of the body, in the general judgement at the end of the world, in the eternal happiness of the righteous, and in the endless punishment of the wicked

For The Young SALVATIONIST



The Ten Commandments Of Communism

THE following is the English version of a document published by the Communist Party headquarters in Novosibirsk for distribution to the youth of Poland. A French version was recently used in a broadcast over CKAC (Montreal) by Dr. P. Gauthier.

1. You shall not forget that the clergy is the avowed enemy of the state and of communism.
2. You shall make every effort to convert your friends to communism, remembering that Stalin gave to the people of Russia their new constitution, he is the leader of those who oppose deities, not only in Russia, but all over the world.
3. You shall try to dissuade your friends from going to church, but you shall not try to force them.
4. You shall be on the look-out for spies and denounce saboteurs.
5. You shall disseminate atheistic literature among the population.
6. Every true Komsomol is also a militant atheist. He shall know how to use fire-arms and shall be experienced in military discipline.
7. You shall work ceaselessly among your neighbours to forestall the influence of religious movements.
8. Every atheist should also be a true communist. It is the duty of all atheists to watch over the security of the state.
9. You shall support atheist movements with financial contributions, since these are needed to support similar movements in other countries of the world, where circumstances compel them to work under cover.
10. If you are not a convinced atheist, you cannot be a good communist nor a loyal citizen of the Soviet state. Atheism is permanently linked with communism, and these two ideals are the foundations of power in Soviet Russia.

While this document, obviously, precedes the "demotion" of Stalin, nonetheless there is no evidence that it has been repudiated. At the same time there is little evidence that it has affected the youth of Poland. The recent uprising in that country was neither inspired nor led by atheists although the youth of the country played the leading role in it. The cry was for self-determination and for freedom from the control of that Soviet Russia which boasts of the atheism of its rulers.

Indeed, if there can be found any beauty in the cruel tragedy of the Hungarian people, it shines forth from the spiritual flame by which the revolt was ignited. In our era of so-called scientific progress, so replete with the manifestations of material power, there has been an obstinate tendency to believe that the appeal to modern man of the things of the flesh was over-riding. The thousands of Hungarians who have paid their toll to the yearning

of their spirit to be free, and the tens or perhaps hundreds of thousands who will pay the price in prison camps, bear luminous witness to the failure of the Red Commandments to prevail. For in Poland, let us remember these Communist Tables of the Law fared no better than in Hungary.

Editor's Note: It would be tragic if, on admitting Hungary's refugees to our shores in the new world we leave them to seek a material haven alone; when they are fleeing to a new life that will bring them true religious and spiritual freedom.

SKID-ROW FILM

C.B.C. Television—Jan. 15, 10 p.m.

FOR readers who will see this announcement before January 15th: Skid row will be the subject of the film "Exploration" made by social worker Ben Maartman, in Vancouver in an acknowledged pessimistic attempt to reveal what actually goes on in such areas in our large cities of the world. Included will be a report on slum clearance in Toronto. Salvationists will be particularly interested in his contacts with our work in the above areas.

to combine, under the banner of the Christian Church, to withstand the spreading empire of the Moslems. Apart from a general desire to conquer each other's lands, the focus of the struggle was Jerusalem with its association, sacred to both religions. In between these mighty forces, what was left of Greek tradition was trampled underground.

Interest in the games was roused 800 years later, when the study of Greek and Roman literature had become the basis of Western education, and there was a growing interest in athletics. A handful of athletes from about a dozen countries competed in the first of the new Olympics held at Athens in Greece in 1896. With the years, interest has spread all over the world, so that thousands of athletes now come together representing every Continent, every colour, and every creed.

The World

The 16th Olympiad

Editor's Note:—Young Salvationists around the world have been keenly interested in the manner in which their Australian comrades have seized the opportunity presented recently by the running off of the Olympic Games in Melbourne. Six inter-state Army musical combinations were present from as far away as Perth on the west coast. All gave spiritual witness at the special salute, held near the Olympic stadium, and at various city corps during the week-end. It was an occasion not likely to return to Australia this century.

EVERY fourth year the athletes of the world meet together to compete in a large programme of athletic contests and outdoor games of all kinds. In 1952 the games were held in Finland at Helsinki, and this time they have been held at Melbourne, in Australia, at the other end of the earth. Most countries in the world send teams.

The first games were held at the foot of Mount Olympus, in Greece, well over 2,000 years ago. The competitors in those days were teams from the city states in what are now Greece, Macedonia, Asia Minor and the islands in the Aegean Sea, which formed a confederacy of people whose culture was similar, and which we call Greek. These states often quarrelled and fought each other, but all combined for the Games, which had a religious significance. They formed part of the traditional ceremonies in honour of the gods whom they all worshipped, whose home was supposed to be on the top of Mount Olympus.

When the Roman Empire swallowed up Greek culture, the games lost their character. The Romans imported their version to Rome and other cities, but turned them into public spectacles where professional athletes and performers earned their living. An essential feature of the

original games had been that athletes were competing in honour of the gods and for the honour of their cities, and there were no prizes. The winner of each was given a wreath of laurel leaves to wear on his head, that was all.

The Roman Empire collapsed and there were long ages of warfare. For centuries, the people of Europe periodically sank their differences

LORD BADEN-POWELL

Born One Hundred Years Ago

THE Canadian Girl Guides will give due emphasis to the Centenary of the birth of their founder, Lord Baden Powell of Gilwell. They are asking all affiliated groups to note February 24th as "B.P." Sunday, with special mention and stress on the first Guide promise of Duty to God through our Religion and Life emblem.

TEACHERS OF DICTION NEEDED

YOUNG people's workers have continually faced the problem of being certain their charges were learning prayers, and Scripture readings aright. For years, London children have been trying to avoid saying: "Lead us not into 'Thames' Station" —the local police headquarters. Now comes a new version from Red Bank, New Jersey, where teachers have decided it might be a good idea to teach the words of the Lord's Prayer in the classrooms. According to the school board they came to this decision when the school superintendent reported the following phrases were overheard by teachers standing near small children during recitation of the prayer in assembly programmes:

"Harold by Thy name . . . give us this day our jelly bread . . . lead us not into Penn Station . . ."

For Your Bulletin Board

"I AM not much of a mathematician," a cigarette is reported to have admitted, "but I can add to a man's nervous troubles; I can subtract from his physical energy; I can multiply his aches and pains; I can divide his mental powers; I can take interest from his work and discount his chances of success."

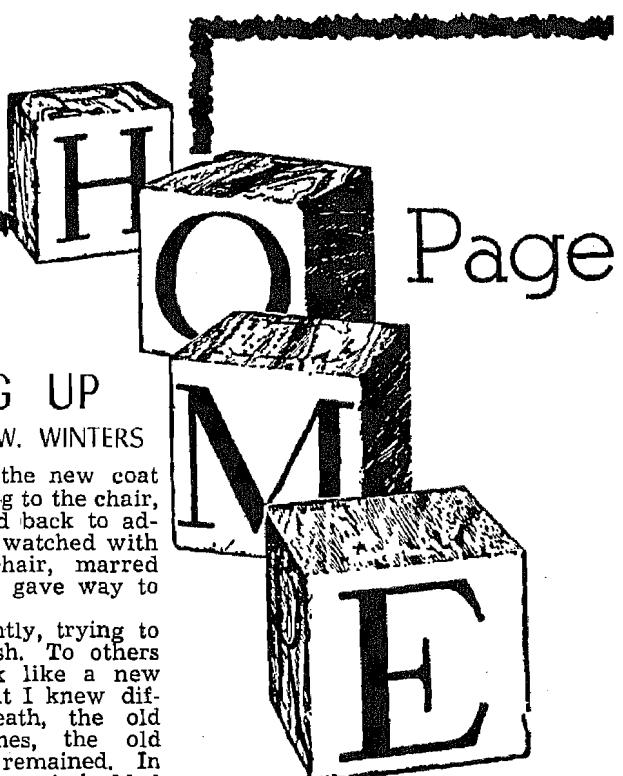
CADETS' ACTIVITIES

CAMPAIGNS will be conducted by brigades of six or eight cadets at the following places (all in Ontario) and dates: Hanover, Jan. 19-20; Lakeview, (Toronto) Jan. 20; West Toronto, Jan. 20; Stratford, Jan. 26-27; Tillsonburg, Feb. 2-3; Belleville, Feb. 9-10; Orangeville, Feb. 9-10; Earls Court, Feb. 10; Greenwood, Feb. 23; Lindsay, Feb. 23-24.



ONE of the outstanding musical youth aggregations of the Metropolitan (Toronto) Division is the West Toronto Singing Company, under Leader F. Hunt, Sr.-Major and Mrs. G. Dockery, the commanding officers, and young people's Sergt.-Major Myrtle Dark are also seen in the front row.

THE *for the family*



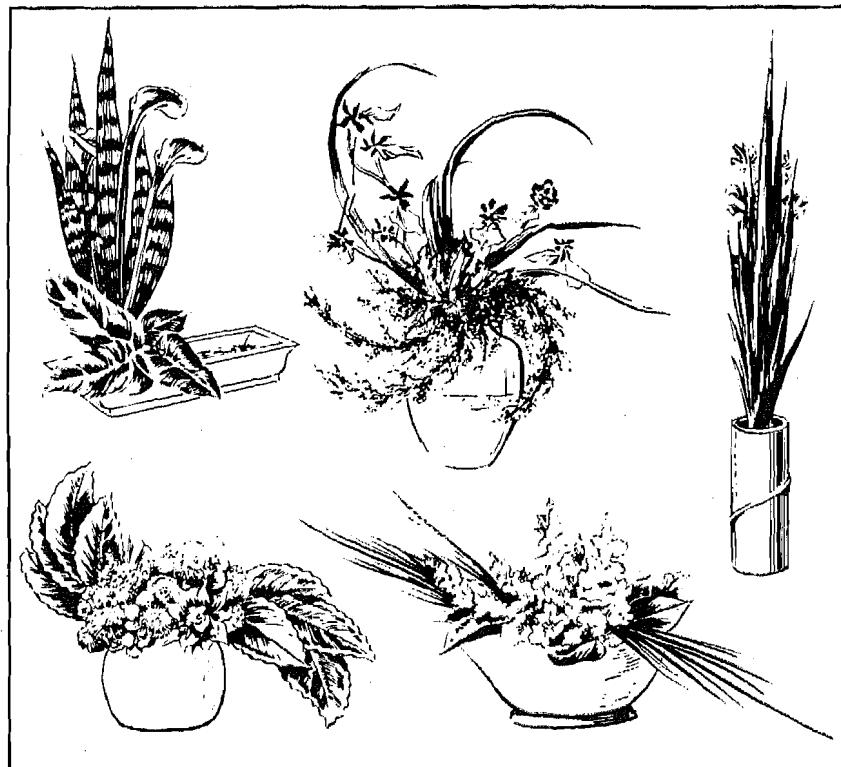
Learn To Arrange Flowers Like An Expert

BY ISABEL ZUCHER

(Continued from previous issue)

YOU'VE never made a flowerpiece before? Start with an easy one, the "L", following this plant:

Select a longish, shallow container (could be a drip pan), and crumple chicken wire into it. Or press a hairpin or pinpoint holder on it with clay, placing it left of the centre—halfway between centre and left edge. Pour water into the container until it more than covers the holder.



From your cut flowers, select several tall spikes of a flower like snapdragon, stock, or larkspur—any spiky flower will do. Stick the longest stem erect into the holder at the left side of the container as it faces you (remember, you're making an "L"). Now look at it in relation to the container. Is it so long that it looks as if it might tip over? If so, take it out and cut off a bit and try again, until you get a satisfactory height.

Check on the Height

Is it too short? Then choose a longer spike of bloom. Take a few seconds to get the height just right. Add a slightly shorter spike just to the right of the first spike and close to it. Then cut a still shorter third spike and place it to the left of the tallest spike and close in.

It starts to look like the upright part of the "L" form, doesn't it? But the lower part still has no flowers.

For this area, select stems bearing buds and blooms of any round-type flowers that go well with the colour of the spiky blooms—petunias, cosmos, or what-have-you. Put a few of these stems into the holder, cutting them long enough to extend to just under the spike flowers. They will broaden the upright of the "L" a bit, especially when you add a few more shorter stems on which the blooms are fully open.

parallel with the container base to make it appear heavier. If it does, stick in a spike at the rear of the holder so as not to spoil your massed blooms in front.

Are you satisfied with your effort? If so, that's fine. Just set your flowers where you planned them to go, and admire your handiwork.

You aren't satisfied? Look at the accompanying illustrations of well-made flowerpieces, and ask yourself these questions:

1. Does the arrangement look "tippy"? Either shorten the longest spike or add more flowers to the mass at the base of the "L". Or maybe you stuck flowers into the holder with each flower tipped towards you. In this case, take the tall stems out and stick them in again—straight up this time. If the blooms look as though they are going over sideways instead of frontwards, add

HE IS NEAR

BE patient, dear shut-in, and wait on the Lord, He rewardeth all those who trust in His word. Have faith and have courage, and keep praying, too, And it will surprise you how near God is to you.

Agnes Rudland,
Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Toronto

COVERING UP

BY MRS. CAPTAIN W. WINTERS

WHAT a difference the new coat of paint was making to the chair, I thought, as I stepped back to admire my work. I had watched with interest as the old chair, marred with stains and nicks, gave way to the bright new one.

I had worked patiently, trying to cover up each blemish. To others the chair might look like a new piece of furniture. But I knew differently, for underneath, the old smudges and scratches, the old chipped varnish still remained. In fact, a few marks were so imbedded in the wood that even a cover up job with paint couldn't disguise them. The outward appearance was indeed changed, but the chair itself was the same.

There are men and women who daily are trying to use this same method of covering up. With patience they try to disguise the smudges and stains of sin in their own lives, and for a time it may appear as if they have done just that. But before long the spots and blemishes reappear, marring the surface. Then covering up becomes a continual process.

The paint of "good business ethics" of "efficient housekeeping" aren't enough. The covering up process, whether it be by word or action, will not change what is underneath.

Solomon, the wisest of men wrote, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." Mercy will be extended to every person who in sincerity confesses his sins to God and then, through the power of Jesus Christ, forsakes sin altogether.

The psalmist had enjoyed such an experience of forgiveness, for he recorded, "I acknowledged my sin unto Thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord: and Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin."

a few more on the opposite side, or take some from the side that "tips."

2. Are the flowers too "regular" around the outside edge of the group? Do they look too "set"? Snip out a bit of bloom or a leaf here and there, using a small, sharp pair of shears, and hiding with your hand each bit before you actually cut it off, to make sure that you want to remove it.

3. Do the containers and flowers seem to separate one from the other? This calls for one or two leaves and flowers placed low, and breaking the edge of the container to hitch the two together. The container is one part of the whole; the flowers the other part. They should appear as one unit.

4. Does the container seem too large for the flowers? Change containers, or add more blooms.

5. Do the flowers overwhelm the container? Take out a few, or change containers.

It takes only a few seconds to run through this list and correct your faults, so make it a point to do it each time you finish a flowerpiece.

If you'd like more complete information on making flowerpieces for your home, write to the Ferry-Morse Seed Co., P.O. Box 778, De-

Beatiitudes For Married Couples

BLESSED are the husband and wife who continue to be affectionate, considerate and loving after the wedding bells have ceased ringing.

Blessed are the husband and wife who are as polite and courteous to one another as they are to their friends.

Blessed are they who have a sense of humour, for this attribute will be a handy shock absorber.

Blessed are the married couples who abstain from alcoholic beverages.

Blessed are they who love their mates more than any other person in the world, and who joyfully fulfil their marriage vow of a lifetime of fidelity and mutual helpfulness to each other.

Blessed are they who remember to thank God for their food before they partake of it, and who set

THINK ON THESE THINGS

I said, let me walk midst the fields;
He said, No, walk in the town.
I said, There are no flowers there.
He said, No flowers but a crown.
Then into His hand went mine,
And into my heart came He,
And I walked in the light divine
The path I had feared to see.
Geo. MacDonald

aside some time each day for the reading of the Bible and prayer.

Blessed are they who attain parenthood, for children are a heritage of the Lord.

Blessed are those mates who never speak loudly to each other and who make their home a place "where seldom is heard a discouraging word."

Blessed are the husband and wife who faithfully attend a house of worship.

Blessed are the husband and wife who can work out their problems of adjustment without interference from relatives.

Blessed are the husband and wife who humbly dedicate their lives and their home to Christ and practise the teachings of Christ in their home by being unselfish, loyal, and loving.—*War Cry, Australia*.

troit 31, Mich. They have published my booklet, "Fixing Flowers to Please Your Family." It is available at a slight charge to cover handling and mailing—10c per single copy, or 5c per copy when over five copies are ordered.



One Hundred Years of Happiness In

The South Pacific

ONE hundred coffee-coloured South Sea islanders who speak English with a broad Midlands accent are preparing to celebrate, next month, the centenary of their little community on Palmerston Island. One of the Cook Islands governed by New Zealand, about 1800 miles away, Palmerston is a mere speck on the map of the Pacific. Actually it consists of a group of tiny islands forming a ring-shaped coral reef about twenty-five miles in circumference, and its highest point is a mound only twenty feet above sea level, known to the people as the "Mountain." But it is a miniature paradise, an island where there is little illness and practically no crime; an island where people pay no taxes and indeed have no currency.

The first settlement of Palmerston Island was started by a Birmingham man, William Marsters, and from him the people have inherited their wise laws as well as their "Brummagem" accent. All of them revere his memory, and next month, among their other celebrations, they will make a pilgrimage to his grave and sing the hymn he taught their ancestors: *Onward, Christian Soldiers.*

No Word For Six Years

It was in December 1856 that William Marsters came to the island with a party of South Sea natives to collect bêche-de-mer (edible "sea-cucumbers") for his employer, a trader whose headquarters were at Tahiti. The skipper of the schooner that put the party ashore promised to come back for them in a few months. But not until another six years had passed did the schooner return, and then it was with the news that Marsters had lost his job — his employer was dead.

The man from Birmingham decided to keep the Palmerston atoll in lieu of wages. For those six years had been happy ones for him. He had grown to love this little island. It had everything to make life easy and pleasant in a simple way. The lagoon was full of fish and turtles, there was plenty of bêche-de-mer, and an adequate supply of fresh water. He resolved to make his home here. He had married a South Sea island woman and had a family,

IMMIGRATION UP 27%

Twenty-three thousand more immigrants have come to Canada during the first nine months of last year than in 1955. A total of 110,009 have arrived. Nearly half—10,700—of this increase has been from the British Isles, while those from Germany and Italy have increased by 3,000 and 4,000 respectively. There have been a thousand less from the United States. Here are the figures for the principal groups:

British	34,734
Italian	19,708
German	16,971
United States	6,859
Dutch	6,768
Greek	3,007
Danish	2,612
Austrian	2,302
French	1,985
Chinese	1,723
Belgian	1,717
Portuguese	1,658
Polish	1,498
Yugoslav	1,385
Hebrew	1,040

WE'RE ALL A MINORITY

In Canada all are in the same boat. Somewhere in this vast country every ethnic or religious group is in the minority. This being the case, no one can say that as a member of a minority he deserves more rights and less responsibility, or that as a member of a majority he owes more responsibility and is entitled to less rights. Since

CANADIANA SURVEY 1956

Jack Canuck Looks Back In Reflection

WE ARE TEN YEARS OLD

we are all on the defensive at some time or in some place, we are all equal. Only as the people of Canada grow in the understanding of this truth will this nation grow in strength and freedom.—TORONTO TELEGRAM.

1,000,000 CANADIANS LIVE IN UNITED STATES

Emigration of Canadian-born persons to the United States, at the rate of between 25,000 and 30,000 a year, brought the number of Canadian-born in the United States to more than 1,000,000 by mid-1955.

The Bureau of Statistics gave no exact figure on how many Canadian-born persons are living south of the border. But it said the 1950 United States census found 994,562 Canadian-born residents there.

Did we pause, on New Year's Day, to remember that we are ten years old? Most of us, of course, are older than that, but not as far as our citizenship is concerned. For it was just ten years ago, on January 1, 1947, that the Canadian Citizenship Act, passed by Parliament in the previous June, came into force.

Prior to that date, we were British subjects and Canadian nationals. Now we are Canadian citizens and British subjects.

Parliament and the courts are the two safeguards of the people's freedom. But parliament can be no better than the people who elect it; and an indifferent electorate is sure to elect an indifferent parliament. It all boils down to this: that freedom will not remain with people who are too indifferent to guard it.—BOWMANVILLE CANADIAN STATESMAN.

THE MAGAZINE PAGE

They prospered on Palmerston Island, sending copra and bêche-de-mer and cured fish to Rarotonga, the largest of the Cook Islands, and taining all the things they needed in exchange.

Hurricanes are the misfortunes most feared by the islanders. In 1934 tidal waves washed their homes into the sea and they had to take refuge on the twenty-five "Mountain."

William Marsters was a father to all his people, and after his death he was succeeded by his eldest son, William Marsters the second, who died in 1946 at the age of eighty-four. Today Ned Marsters rules with cheerful firmness.

Truly the Palmerston Islanders have every reason to be proud of the Marsters family and their traditions.

SIGNS OF THE ROCKET

6,800 Miles Per Hour

AT a research station on Wallops Island, Virginia, stood a silver rocket. Suddenly its engine flamed into life, and in a matter of seconds it was out of sight.

High above the earth the rocket split in two. The heavy base away, with two other rocket boosters, the sleek "point" continued streak upward. Within ten minutes of launching this also had cleared the Atlantic.

During this time, however, penetrated earth's atmosphere, empty space, and set up a world's rocket speed record of more than 6,800 m.p.h.

The United States National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics announced that the rocket rose to an altitude of more than 200 miles within 50 miles of the rocket's altitude record.

Quicker Than Phonies

A Hawker Hunter jet plane flown from London to Rome (900 miles) in 94 minutes. The previous record, set up by a Canadian in 1950, was 119 minutes.

Soon after learning of this achievement, the general manager of the Hawker Aircraft Company said: "It took us three hours to make a telephone call to Rome this morning. Perhaps from now on we will send our message by Hawker Hunter."

38 Miles Up!

A rocket-powered plane of reaching a speed of 4,000 m.p.h. is now being developed in the United States.

The X15, as the new plane is called, will reach a height of 200,000 feet (over 38 miles) to provide the pilot with control in the thin upper air. The rocket units, probably mounted on gimbals, will be fitted at the top of the plane.

COAL BY PIPELINE

A NEW pipeline in the United States carries coal 100 miles from mines in south-eastern Pennsylvania to a Cleveland generating plant. Washed, finely crushed, and mixed with water, the coal moves through the pipeline under pressure of pumps.

HAS CANADA GROWN

In these days of swift change, no longer can be classed as a nation.

We can no longer boast of our strength. In the councils both of the Commonwealth and the United Nations Canada stands up to many peoples as an example to serve as a shining example of economic and political progress.

These things are worth thinking about. CANADA IS WITHIN 11 YEARS OF ACHIEVING ITS CENTURY. The prospects are that we shall be at the 20-million mark in population by 1967.

But would they say that the growth of the new nation in North America had kept pace with the splendid material advance?

Let's hope there's some improvement by the time we light the candles.—VANCOUVER SUN.

»»»»»»»»» WITH THE ARMY FLAG IN OTHER LANDS »»»»»»»»



WITH YOUTH IN BELGIUM

ONE in every four young people taking part in young people's councils responded when a call to officership was made by Colonel G. Blomberg, International Youth Secretary, at Charleroi, Belgium.

Two hundred young people, mostly in uniform, attended meetings on Armistice Day. Among those who testified, several were not Salvationists a year ago. Led by Lt.-Colonel Paul Tzaut (O.C.), a smart and enthusiastic procession aroused the town and a short open-air meeting was held.

At a great gathering in the Salle des Fêtes de la Bourse, many newcomers were in evidence. Other features of the Colonel's visit to Belgium included a gathering at Marchienne for young people's leaders, a day of blessing with the officers of the command assembled in council, and a rousing public meeting in Brussels, where the Colonel showed some Salvation Army films.

ON NAPOLEON'S ISLE

THE famous Island of St. Helena was visited recently by Sr. Major R. Von Kleist, who campaigned there for several days at both corps. The visitor assisted with the completion of the building of the outpost hall at Half-Tree Hollow, which was opened before a large crowded service of dedication. Church dignitaries brought greetings.

Captain and Mrs. K. Abrahamse are the officers in charge. Mrs. Abrahamse, a Canadian missionary officer, writes of the series of inspirational meetings. One of the converts of the campaign was a young man, who had been confined to the leper home on the island for nine years, and is now proclaimed cured.

A much appreciated service was the showing of 35mm. slides by the Major, including scenes of both the island and Canada.

HELPING THE "MAU MAUS"

IN an attempt to bring Mau Mau terrorist gangs down from their hiding places in the forest, Mr. Devitt, a Baptist missionary, unarmed and with eight surrendered terrorists, went up the mountain. For ten days and nights his friendly voice sent forth the appeal in Swahili, "Come out of the forests, my children. You must stop this senseless war. Come out and I will promise you good treatment."

Devitt at first thought that his mission had failed; but later two terrorists surrendered, bringing the news that others wanted to do so, but were being hindered by their leaders.

A CHALLENGE TO CHRISTIANS

SOCIAL misery in Hong Kong is unlike anything elsewhere in the world, according to the Rev. K. L. Stumpf, representative of Lutheran World Service in Hong Kong. In 1949, he says, the colony had 600,000 people and today there are 3,000,000. Lack of housing is the greatest problem. Repeated fires ravage the shacks in which people live. Ninety thousand have lost their houses from fires since 1954. One hundred thousand people sleep in the streets at night, and 60,000 children roam about in Hong Kong without parental guidance. One hundred and ten bodies of TB victims are collected each day.

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PROGRESS IN PAPUA

Major George Carpenter Reports On The Army's Latest Missionary Venture In New Guinea

COLONEL H. Scotney and I came to these territories last year to "spy out" the land for a possible Army "invasion." Some felt that there are enough missions here already—even though there are still, after eighty-five years' mission work, more than 1,000,000 native people not adhering to any church.

You will not wonder that Major Baker and I thank God together for all His leading and express our faith that He will lead us on to victory.

Only a few hours and a few miles in the jeep, but what pictures. First of all the great village of Hanuabada. The name means "great village" in the dialect of the Port Moresby district, known as Motu. It is probably the largest native town in the whole of Papua-New Guinea.

Found Wartime Scrap

Papua is the southern half of the great island we know loosely as New Guinea. This Papuan portion has been under the British flag since last century. New Guinea proper is all the rest of the big island and the

islands of New Britain and New Ireland. These were formerly German and this is why we find the Lutheran missions in New Guinea and not in Papua.

Hanuabada is a village of over 2,000 native peoples and is built out over the shallow sea on strong wooden piles. It is interesting but not beautiful, as there is much old war junk worked into the buildings—rusty iron—and there are some old war trucks here and there. However, from a distance it looks romantic with the dwellings reflected in the sea and the palm trees waving in the stiff south-east trade wind.

This village is the headquarters of the London Missionary Society, which commenced operations here over eighty years ago. The whole area has been worked all this time by the L.M.S., who count among their missionaries the great Rev. Chalmers, who with another missionary and eleven native friends were done to death by hostile tribesmen.

Then we came to the fishing village of Tatana in the great sea inlet of Moresby harbour. Tatana is on one of the many conical hills which are to be seen in this area and suggest that these were perhaps rises from the deep blue waters of the

harbour. They are joined by a rough causeway.

As we came to this village built on stilts in the water one of their fishing craft was taking in the sail and tying up. These are wonderful craft known as hakatol, made from a hollowed-out tree trunk and shaped for speed. This is joined by a wide lattice of poles to an outrigger-shaped log.

We asked one of the families if they were L.M.S., which of course they were, and one of the youths produced a hymn book in their Motu language. Before leaving this lovely family of simple people Major Baker prayed for them and they reverently shut their eyes the while. That prayer was in English, but the Major has already registered to join a Motu language class provided by the Administration.

Heard a Friendly Greeting

As we hurried home in the failing light we came upon two cars by the side of the road with white people standing beside them. We thought they were broken down and stopped. "Welcome to the territories!" cried a tall, smiling man as he extended his hand. "We heard on the wireless that the Army has come. We are delighted. "Meet my friend"—and another smiling Digger came up. "We are both old soldiers and know you people. You have a great work to do here, and if there is anything we can do to help you, you can reckon on us."

Well, that was very nice, and we drove on praising God—and then ran straight over a five-foot snake stretched across the dirt road. We drove back over him again but the black and green serpent just slid horribly into the bush and was lost to view. Yes, the Old Serpent, too, is busy, as we found further on the journey.

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BIBLE STOPS BULLET

BROTHER J. Fowler, of South Burnaby Corps, B.C., was reminded of an experience in World War One by reading in *The War Cry* of recent date the story of a Bible. Although growing old, this brother still booms *The War Cry* each week, and takes a keen interest in the corps. Brother Fowler put in thirty-three years with the Canadian Pacific Railway before retiring. The following is a newspaper clipping of 1916:

Twice in mine explosions and a survivor of the *Empress Of Ireland* tragedy, Brother Fowler, a Salvationist of forty years standing, has added to a list which contains other narrow escapes from death, a remarkable happening in France. He received three wounds in action, and was being treated at the base when it was noticed that the left breast of his tunic was torn. On examination it was found that a piece of shrapnel had penetrated the tunic pocket, a wallet, and his Naval and Military membership card and, finally, embedded itself in his Bible, burying with it fragments of the tunic. But for these obstacles the missile would doubtless have reached the heart.

This comrade hails originally from Cannock.



Leave Me Alone

I bought gasoline; I went to a show;
I bought some new tubes for my radio;
I bought candy and peanuts, nut-bars and ice-cream;
While my money lasted, life sure was a scream.

It takes careful spending to make money go 'round;
One's methods of finance must always be sound.
With habits quite costly, it's real hard to save;
My wife spent ten "bucks" for a permanent wave.

The CHURCH came 'round begging. It made me quite sore!
If they'd let me alone, I'd give a lot more.
They have plenty of nerve! They forgot all the past!
I gave them a DOLLAR the year before last.

EDITORIALS

On Topics Of Vital Importance In

The Moral And Spiritual Realm

To Advertise Or Not?

SOMETIMES editors of Army periodicals have been a little envious of other religious magazines that carry advertisements. They are able to use better paper, introduce colour, and have a much bigger periodical. We have beautiful Christian magazines come to our desk every week, containing the finest of artwork, and glowing with colour. But when we come to examine them, we find there is another side to the picture. We turn the first page and we come to several full pages of advertisements before we reach the "meat"—in other words, the reading matter which is, we believe, of the utmost importance, and why most people buy the paper. We may have two or three full pages of reading matter, then the advertisements start in real earnest. We find page after page with one column of reading matter and three columns of advertisements, sometimes making it difficult to find what to read in the midst of the encroaching commercials.

We attended a conference of religious editors recently, and listened to their discussions of their own advertising problems. It is not as simple as it seems. There are certain advertisers that the editor must turn down and, in so doing, there is the danger of antagonizing good friends. One of the editors admitted that the advertising did not pay. That is, there was no profit in it—it merely paid for the printing which, of course, is a desideratum.

We still feel that William Booth was wise when, in the beginning, he insisted that there should be no advertising in Army periodicals, other than that of the Trade Department, and that reduced to a minimum.

Still Room For Ingenuity

Inventors have given us many wonderful "gadgets", which have helped to make life easier from many standpoints. We use the common water tap without thinking, little realizing that it saves us every day from going out to the well or pump, in all sorts of weather, and filling a pail in order to get water. As for the telephone, it saves thousands of steps a day, and often gets us out of awkward predicaments by permitting us to talk to a person hundreds of miles away, or across the other side of the city.

But there is much about the telephone itself that could be improved. The length of wire dangling from the receiver is always getting in the way. Sometimes it gets caught in the drawers of the desk; and other times it gets twisted, and time is taken in unravelling it. Would it not be possible for some ingenious person to invent a cord that sprang back into the receiver each time it was put down? There is plenty of space in the handle to receive a length of cord and it would then be out of the way, only to be drawn out when used.

Dialing vs Push-Button

Another feature of the telephone is the dialling idea. When you are dialling six numbers, and a lot of them are noughts, it takes half a minute to perform the operation. How much better it would be if a "push-button" system were used! It is so much easier to push down a few bumps with the numbers on, than to swing round a disc half a dozen times. Much time and trouble would be saved, also wear and tear on the fingers.

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"Give To The Winds Thy Fears"

CERTAIN kinds of fear are good. God has implanted that emotion within our breast in order to safeguard us. Were it not for fear, we would dash unthinkingly into the midst of traffic, and be struck down; or handle live wires without realizing what the result would be, or touch red-hot stoves. Fear is largely the result of previous experience, and can be used to protect us against physical or moral danger.

Our memories of the last war (and some of us the war before that) give us a tremendous fear of another war. We think of the millions slain; we think of the homes disrupted; we think of the business of the world almost coming to a standstill. We think of the inconvenience, the shortages, and all the other inseparable drawbacks of a world-wide conflict, and we shudder to think of another war. But when that fear causes us to act in a cowardly, foolish manner and make ridiculous concessions right and left, shutting our eyes to the fact that sooner or later we must face up to the tyrant or tryants who are "putting on the pressure" it is the wrong type of fear.

A Canadian Member of Parliament, who bears an honoured name—Churchill—summarized this type of fear in a speech he made in the House of Commons in Ottawa recently. He said:

"Mr. Speaker, we are living in a state of fear and I am tired of it. Fear is being held over our heads day after day . . . We must not say a harsh word to Russia and we must not criticize the United States with regard to its policies because there may be a Third World War if we do.

"We had the fear of the Second World War all throughout the thirties . . . That fear resulted in the rise of dictators and the weakening of the democracies and brought about the Second World War.

"Now we live in fear of a Third World War. We are told that if we do anything to annoy Russia she will rattle the rockets and we will have to scurry for cover. With the democracies thus shrinking back in fear, Russia gains more power here, there and everywhere, and in another ten years we will not require a world war to drive us into subjection.

"We are selling our souls. We are selling our birthright through fear, fear, fear . . . The time has come for us to stop living in this state of fear, to prepare for the worst and stand fast, keep the British Commonwealth of Nations strong and, by force of argument or example, compel the United Nations to

become an effective force for peace in the world."

With the memory of the few years prior to 1939—with Hitler and Mussolini uttering loud and defiant boasts, and the nations letting them have all their own way, we should recall what happened. We staved off war for awhile, but had they been checked earlier, the bloodshed would have been so much less. As it was, we allowed them to grow so strong that they almost overran the world. Is history to repeat itself?

We forget that war is not the only solution to checking the boasters. There are "sanctions". Few nations are completely self-sufficient. All depend on imports of some kind. Mussolini could have been prevented from over-running Ethiopia if sanctions had been applied. But the League of Nations were afraid to use them, and they had to face a "shooting-war" a few years later. Now is the time to use this bloodless weapon—before things go too far, and the use of physical force becomes inevitable.

Leader Of The Opposition

THE WAR CRY congratulates an old and warm friend of The Salvation Army who has become the new leader of the Progressive Conservative party throughout Canada, namely, Hon. John Diefenbaker, who succeeded Geo. Drew, another staunch Army supporter.

As the leader of Her Majesty's loyal opposition, it is believed that the many fine qualities of Christian character displayed by the member for Prince Albert, Sask., will find greater scope and outlet in his new position.

Ever since his early days as a young lawyer in northern Saskatchewan, Mr. Diefenbaker has been a warm friend of the Army. As the Federal Member for Prince Albert, he has presided at many important functions both there, and when in Ottawa.

A friend of the late Sergt.-Major George Dinsdale (Mayor and latterly M.L.A. for Brandon), he collaborated with the Salvationist not only on important industrial and agricultural projects for the prairies, including the development of Port Churchill and the Hudson's Bay Railway, but also happily on Army platforms.

A recent report tells of his addressing the congregation of the Central Baptist Church in Sarnia, Ont., sincerely and quietly relating his own experience while in Palestine two years previously, and challenging his hearers with the prophecy of Micah, chapter four, urging an outright Christian witness in these days of crisis. An attentive audience went away deeply affected.

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Then there is the question of putting films in a camera, although cameras have been improved immensely this past twenty years, no new methods seem to have been evolved to insert the film. If one is in a hurry to take a picture of the passing scene, and the film is run out, it takes five minutes or so before the film can be changed.

THE WAR CRY

THE VICTORIOUS LIFE

THE singing of a chorus of consecration, "I give my heart to Thee," led by the Divisional Commander, Lt.-Colonel C. Knapp, opened the first united holiness meeting of the New Year in the Bramwell Booth Temple, Toronto. It was followed by prayers offered by 2nd Lieut. R. Zwicker and Mrs. Brigadier J. Wells. During the meeting the divisional commander welcomed 1st-Lieut. Jessie Mayo, who has been appointed to the Toronto Training College, and expressed his appreciation to 1st-Lieut. A. McLean for her services in corps under his supervision in Toronto and the Maritimes. The Lieutenant has been appointed to Bermuda. Both officers testified to their confidence in God and joy in His service.

A testimony period, led by Sr.-Captain M. Green, gave many in the audience an opportunity of testifying to the joy which has been their portion since they surrendered their lives to God.

The Chief Secretary, Colonel Wm. Davidson read a Scripture portion, which illustrated the theme of his message, and the speaker described the provision which God has made for the spiritual growth and health of man. He appealed to his audience to accept the offered gift of the Holy Spirit. It was only by this infilling of divine light that the powers of darkness in the heart could be banished, and brotherly kindness to others shown, he asserted.

Prior to the holiness meeting, a song service, led by Songster Leader E. Sharp, Danforth Corps, brought blessing to many. The officers' chorus group, led by Sr.-Captain E. Falle, and the cadets' band under the leadership of Captain W. Davies, contributed vocal and instrumental selections. In the prayer-meeting, led by the Chief Secretary, a young woman sought forgiveness.

Others who participated in the meeting included Lt.-Colonel T. Mundy, Brigadier W. Rich and Major D. Sharp.

Age and Youth Enjoy Christmas

THE TOP PHOTO shows a group of homeless men enjoying dinner under Salvation Army auspices, in contrast to the youngsters of an Army home in the other picture, being entertained by friends.



Proficiency Rewarded

THE annual New Year's rally of the corps cadets of the Metropolitan Toronto Division was held in the Davisville Auditorium. The roll call of the corps conducted by the Divisional Young People's Secretary, Major D. Sharp, showed a good representation from most corps, and included a number of prospective corps cadets.

The Divisional Commander, Lt.-Colonel C. Knaap, gave a helpful message, illustrated from the life of Christ, in which he showed the importance of spiritual, mental, physical and social progress in the life of a teen-ager.

The divisional proficiency shield was presented to the Mount Dennis Corps Cadet Brigade by the Territorial Young People's Secretary, Brigadier F. Moulton. Oakville Brigade was a close runner-up. Certificates were also presented to those who had completed the lower grade, and graduate diplomas to the others who had completed the six-year course.

A happy period of fellowship was enjoyed in group games directed by Mrs. Major Sharp, and a film was viewed with pleasure and profit. Sr.-Captain E. Parr led the singing of a chorus by the Toronto corps cadets who attended the International Corps Cadet Congress.

TYRANNY ALWAYS FAILS

VIOLENCE ever defeats its own ends. Where you cannot drive you can always persuade. A gentle word, a kind look, a good-natured smile can work wonders and accomplish miracles. There is a secret pride in every human heart that revolted at tyranny.

Cheering Army Guests

INTERNATIONAL LEADERS VISIT MANY INSTITUTIONS

THE warm welcome at St. Cuthbert's, a Salvation Army probation home for girls in South London, was immediately apparent when Commissioner Emma Davies, the leader of the Women's Social Work in Great Britain and Ireland, presented General and Mrs. W. Kitching. The call was the first of several visits to Army homes on Christmas Day.

After the girls had sung an original welcome to the visitors, the General gave an informal and appropriate talk. The informality was emphasized as chairs were drawn up about the fire and cups of tea were handed round.

At Ribblesdale Eventide Home, Sydenham, the same atmosphere of good cheer prevailed. Both the General and Mrs. Kitching spoke individually to all the people in their cosy sitting-room, and then from the General came the question, "What about a carol?" And few people are more happy at leading Christmas singing whilst seated at the piano than the General.

Seasonal words were being given by Mrs. Kitching when the noise of the arrival of "Father Christmas" drew the attention of every guest. Later followed his presentation of gifts to all.

The next call was the Children's Home across the street from Ribblesdale. The hardly suppressed excitement seemed to meet the visitors at The Haven, for the General had promised to distribute the presents from the Christmas tree.

Every child seemed very happy; and in concluding his visit the Gen-

eral voiced his thanks to all those who serve at The Haven.

Finally, the party moved on, preceded at every home by Commissioner Davies, to St. Margaret's an approved home for young girls. Hearty singing by the residents made an introduction to a short Christmas play on the theme of "Good King Wenceslas". Whilst the final touches were being given to the Christmas tea for both girls and visitors, the General again led the singing of carols as he sat at the grand piano.

One of the highlights of the year at The Mothers' Hospital, Clapton, is the Boxing Day celebration. On this day, the General and Mrs. Kitching were received just after midday by Commissioner Davies, Colonel D. Muirhead, the Chief Sec-

retary, Lieut.-Colonel R. Bovan, the Secretary Superintendant, and the Matron, Lieut.-Colonel Frances Foxton. The General presided at the dinner given to the nursing and medical staffs, when both he and Mrs. Kitching spoke to the assembled company.

A tour was made of all the gaily-decorated wards and special gifts were given to mothers whose babies had been born on Christmas Day.

The visit and personal greetings of the Army leaders were greatly appreciated by both nursing staff and patients. And throughout the proceedings a spirit of efficient service could be sensed behind the facade of Christmas gaiety.

The War Cry, London

PICTURE MADE HIM THINK

AT the time the September 29 War Cry was issued, with the picture of a prisoner on the front page, I was a prisoner in an Ontario Reformatory. That picture and story caused me to do some deep constructive thinking. I started going to The Salvation Army church parade and heard Sr.-Major P. Lindores talk about the Lord. Finally, I asked for an interview with him. The result was I found the Lord, and took Jesus as my personal Saviour.

Since then I have been released from prison and am living a decent, Christian life, believing that God has saved me and getting stronger

SAY "NO," NOW

A YOUNG man was attending a dinner. The drinks were being ordered. He did not want to drink; but he knew if he waited to the last he would probably be the only one to say "No," and that would make it hard for him to refuse.

"Make mine tomato juice," he said at the very beginning; and to his surprise others followed his lead.

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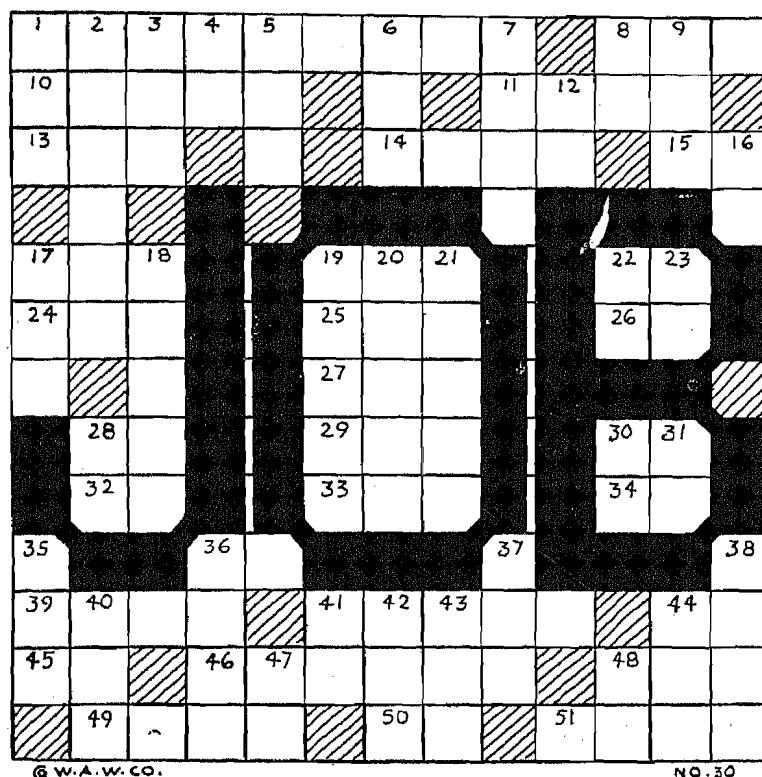
each day in his service. This is a great way to live, the opposite of a life lived in the unreal world of alcoholism.

(Name on application)

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Bible Characters In Crossword Puzzles

"There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil."—Job 1:1.



JOB

(From Job)

HORIZONTAL

- "rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt . . . 1:5
- "terrors of God do . . . themselves in array" 6:4
- "My soul is . . . of my life" 10:1
- Job had many sheep, camels, and . . . 1:8
- "called for their three sisters to . . . and to drink" 1:4
- "In all the . . . were no women found so fair" 42:15
- "surely God will not . . . wickedly" 34:12
- "whose trust shall be a spider's . . ." 8:14
- Obtain
- ". . . all this Job sinned not" 1:22
- Stir
- Hurrah
- "I only am escaped alone . . . tell thee" 1:15
- "cause me to understand wherein I have . . . ed" 8:24
- Man's nickname
- Dined
- "and hath burned . . . the sheep" 1:16
- "my stroke . . . heavier than my groaning" 23:2
- "fell upon . . . young men, and they are dead" 1:19
- Zoological Society (abbr.)
- ". . . they sat down with him upon the ground" 2:18
- "feareth God, and escheweth . . ." 1:8
- "the Lord gave Job . . . as much as he had before" 42:10
- Mother
- West Africa (abbr.)
- "For the . . . of the Almighty are within me" 6:4
- Possesses
- "the . . . of affliction have taken hold upon me" 30:16
- Compass point
- "Then Job arose, and . . . his mantle" 1:20

A WEEKLY TEST OF BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

Answers to last week's Puzzle

VERTICAL

- Be in debt to
- "and one that . . . God" 1:1
- "maketh collaps of . . . on his flanks" 15:27
- Son of Judah Gen. 38:3
- Grain
- Nothing
- "there were born unto him seven . . . and three daughters" 1:2
- Compass point
- "He setteth an . . . to darkness" 28:3
- Ex dividend (abbr.)
- "slain the servants with the edge . . . the sword" 1:17
- "they . . . have I kept" 23:11
- "and smote Job with sore . . ." 2:7
- "they saw that his grief was very . . ." 2:18
- "there is none like him in the . . ." 1:8
- "God was wroth with the . . . friends of Job 22 ". . . may be that my
- sons have sinned" 1:5
- "wander in a wilderness where there is . . . way" 12:24
- City of the Canaanites Josh. 8:1
- Job lived in the land of . . . 1:1
- Postscript
- "Man that is born of a woman is of . . . days" 14:1
- "Though he . . . me, yet will I trust in him" 13:15
- American Chemical Society (abbr.)
- "greatest of all the men of the . . ." 1:3
- Voluntary Aid Detachment (abbr.)
- Translation (abbr.)
- Gained the victory
- Industrial Workers of the World (abbr.)
- "and that . . . was perfect and upright" 1:1
- Recording Secretary (abbr.)
- "the Lord turned the captivity of Job, when . . . prayed for his friends" 42:10

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The League of Mercy's Helping Hand

By The Territorial Secretary, MRS. COLONEL C. WISEMAN

A DELIGHTFUL outing for the residents of the Old Folks' Home at Fort Macleod, Alta., was sponsored by the league of mercy, and planned by Brother Ironfield. The Callow Coach Wheelchair Bus, with its driver Mr. Max Spencer, took the group to the Granum Hutterite Colony and, with them, a number of wheel-chair patients. The visiting group were graciously received by the Hutterites, who showed them around the colony then, before bidding them good-bye, served oven-fresh buns and honey to all. The travellers then returned to the Army hall where the league of mercy, under the leadership of Secretary Mrs. Ironfield served a hot supper. Before the evening was brought to a close, 1st-Lieut. A. MacMillan showed a film entitled "Mr. Christmas."

From Timmins, Ont., came the following letter: "We are planning

essary to keep in custody. Again my sincere thanks." (Signed) D. T. MacKinnon, Probation Officer.

The following letter was sent from R. W. Probert, Chief of Police of Belleville. "Before getting into our extra duties that call for attention during the Christmas rush season, I felt I should extend my thanks to you for your splendid continued co-operation with this department. Such co-operation enables us to iron out some of our problems that confront us at times, and with your assistance they are often minimized, and all persons concerned thereby benefitted. Again thanks, and a happy Christmas and a good New Year to you and to The Salvation Army in general."

From coast to coast at this season of the year the league has been busy carrying its message of cheer and faith in the redeeming work of our



SONGSTER MRS. G. MCKENZIE, League of Mercy Secretary for Vancouver, B.C., and Mrs. Lt.-Colonel R. Gage, Divisional Secretary, chat with a patient in SHAUGHNESSY MILITARY HOSPITAL, Vancouver.

to do quite a bit extra in our league of mercy endeavour this year. Not only will the immediate area be covered, but so will the outlying district. This includes Cochrane, Smooth Rock Falls, and Kapuskasing, as well as Ansonville and Iroquois Falls. There are, of course, several large institutions in our town which we plan to do."

St. Catharines League has purchased song books and music for the Linwell Home for the blind.

At this season of the year many letters of thanks come to The Salvation Army for work done by the league of mercy. Here are two from Belleville, Ont., sent to League worker Envoy B. Humphries.

"It is my desire to express to you and to The Salvation Army my sincere thanks for all that you have done for . . . Visits such as you make, I feel, greatly assist me in my capacity as probation officer for the County of Hastings. In the past, too, you have personally visited all the juveniles whom we have found it necessary to detain in our detention room. You and the Army are indeed to be commended for assisting in supplying furniture and other items for this room. Your work in this regard can, I think, be rightly called invaluable. For juveniles who are detained for some days, a visit from a kindly and understanding person is a highlight, and is especially so when this thoughtful person brings a small gift. I feel your contacts with our juveniles have been all for the best, and we sincerely hope that you will find time in your busy life to visit others whom we find it nec-

Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Throughout the wards of hospitals, the long corridors of prisons, the quiet rooms of nursing homes where the aged live, even to the vast institutions where the Army uniform brings memories of "The Sally Ann" and its ministry to the troops, even further than this they penetrate. They wend their way in the name of Him who came to bring "Peace on earth, goodwill to men". Wher- ever a child, a man or a woman is set aside there league of mercy workers are carrying the Gospel.

Mrs. Davis, the mother of Mrs. Brigadier R. Thierstein, is in her eighty-second year and for all of that, for the past five years, she has visited weekly the Macasser Cottage in Hamilton, where the eldest resident, 107 years of age, makes Mrs. Davis feel quite young again. Each week a service is held in the chapel in this home and the workers answer letters for the aged patients.

WOODSTOCK HOME LEAGUE

DURING the visit of the Territorial Home League Secretary, Brigadier Ethel Burnell, to Woodstock, Ont., Home League it was announced that Secretary Mrs. E. Holbrook would represent the Western Ontario Division at the International Home League Congress to be held in London, England.

The annual sale realized nearly \$500. The evening programme was sponsored by the London Citadel Missionary Group, which also served refreshments.

THE WAR CRY

SOOTHING A MADMAN

BY CAPTAIN EDWARD READ, Chilliwack, B.C.

(See frontispiece)

A HARP and a musician over against a throne and a madman; the charms of music contending with the spell of an evil spirit; brave and gifted peasant lad wooing sanity back to the troubled mind of his monarch. The discord of devils is dissolved in harmonies surely born in Heaven. Talent is going out to its noblest goal, seeking to still a storm in the soul.

Deep is calling unto deep, and an answer is stirring there. Farther down in the king's mind than the unrest of his present irrationality something elemental is responding. Called forth by the charming melodies, some native calmness is rising to take possession of the whole disordered personality and restore reason to the throne. The Bible says, "And whenever the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, David took the lyre and played it with his hand; so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him."

The alleviation, unfortunately, was only temporary, but the musician cannot be blamed for that. Again and again, and sometimes at the risk of his own life, the son of Jesse poured out his soul for Saul's sake. Compassion called out the best that was in him; the instrument came to life in his hands. David's

songs had captured the tranquillity of the grazing flocks and the peacefulness of the hillsides where he had composed them, and the praise of Israel's Jehovah thrilled through them all. What would one not give to have heard him sing, to his own accompaniment, "The Lord's my shepherd?"

But Saul was jealous of David. He had heard the women sing, that day when Goliath had fallen before the intrepidity of the youth with the sling and five smooth stones,

"Saul has slain his thousands,
And David his ten thousands."

The king was angry. Says the record, "Saul eyed David from that day on. And on the morrow an evil spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand, and Saul cast the spear for he thought, 'I will pin David to the wall.' But David evaded him twice."

The First Downward Step

Petty jealousy became fiendish malice, as the king gave way to the basest in himself. That envy, indeed, was as much the cause of his madness as the outcome of it. It marks a further tragic step down the road



SAUL, who had such bright beginnings, and who was introduced to the Israelites by the Prophet Samuel as their first king (as seen in the picture) fell from grace, allowed jealousy to ruin his spirit, developed murderous tendencies towards David and was rejected by God.

from Gilgal to Gilboa, a road that began with irreverent presumption and ended in the weird setting of a spiritist seance, followed closely by suicide on the battlefield.

No man ever got off to a better start than King Saul. No man, with the possible exception of Judas Iscariot, had a sadder finish. Saul had spiritual leadership, for there followed him a band of men "whose hearts God had touched". He could use good sense, too, for when the critics scoffed, he held his tongue. He had the capacity for genuine affection; when David entered his service Saul "loved him greatly." Add to these commendable qualities of disposition the choicest gift of Heaven: "The Spirit of God came upon him."

Would anyone recognize the handsome, popular leader of those days in the dark-faced, wild-eyed figure whose crazed imagination the matchless harp of the chief Psalmist beguiled awhile?

The declension is calamitous, but not accidental. "The Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul," and that could not have happened lightly. Not for one defection, but as a result of confirmed backsliding and crystallized apostacy did an evil spirit from the Lord torment him. "How are the mighty fallen!"

As he appears in the picture, Saul is a standing warning to any who would dare to trifle with a divine commission, or think to embrace sin with one arm while retaining a hold upon God with the other.



They Still Sleep Out At Nights

Salvationists Tackle Problems That Britain's Welfare State Has Left Unsolved

(From the "Manchester Guardian")



IF Dickens was right when he said that a tendency to lurk and lounge was one of the first outward signs of the "dry rot" in man, then some of the brickyards of Manchester and Rochdale have much to account for: they are so warm at night. Few hostels, or electric blankets for that matter, could compete with the all-night heating a man can get by the side of a brickyard kiln. Here on a mattress of newspapers he can lie beneath the stars and try to forget about his next meal or next job or the family he has left behind him. Or if it rains he can move inside of the kilns—if there is room and if it is not too hot.

Sometimes, however, there are interruptions. It may be the police, or a night-watchman with a dog, or a voice saying: "How are you? Like some tea and sandwiches?"

That invitation can mean only one thing—The Salvation Army making one of its occasional "raids", as it calls them, though no raid was ever conducted with more politeness or, on the whole, more warmly welcomed by these "outsiders" in more senses than one.

It was timed for 11 p.m. Only the faintest sounds of snoring broke the silence that reigned as the eight Salvation Army men—two officers, two soldiers, and four members of the staff—crossed the unbarred entrance to the brickworks. The lorry had been parked some distance away so as not to alarm the sleepers. A tea urn (enough for seventy-two cups) and fifty parcels of sandwiches were taken inside. Not everyone had turned in yet, and those who stood about the entrance were the first to get their tea and sandwiches.

Between fifty and sixty of them, and this was a "quiet night", were flopped out around the brickworks, nestling against the outer walls from which the heat could be felt several feet away, or in some of the cooler kilns.

The question of work necessarily cropped up several times during the interviews, and quite a few said they were already employed. Why sleep there, then? "Because," as one of the more loquacious outsiders put it, "at the hostel the beds are not too good. You never know who's been in 'em before you. And the tea! Just taste this," he suggested waving a cup from the mission urn.

Asleep near the wall was a soft-spoken man in his late forties. In cooler weather he slept inside a kiln, and he recalled a few occasions

when "one or two chaps got burned, but generally you just get a bit of a tan". Sometimes the place was crowded and the police turned everyone out, "but this last fortnight there's been nobody here at all until now". He said the general attitude to The Salvation Army was one of good will: "They're pretty good to us."

He was not working at present though he did "a bit of navvying now and again." Money? "We do without it, and I don't believe in begging when there's work about." The offer of a bath, bed, breakfast, and possibly work did not appeal to him either. "I prefer to be on my own."

Nearby sat a youth of twenty who said he was a labourer. He had spent all his wages but would probably consider lodgings next week. He agreed that he had spent most of his wages on beer and cigarettes. He found the brickyard "quite comfortable".

Perhaps one of the most moving sights of the night was that of two white-haired men, who looked much older than the fifty-eight and sixty years they said were their ages, who said they were living on public assistance. They were "just making the best of it". The fifty-eight-year-old complained of asthma and bronchitis. He had been on the market "picking up bits of things to eat".

His companion said he once had "a nice home" at Fallowfield but, after his wife died eleven years ago, he became a rolling stone. The two men met at the brickyard one night. One gave the other an onion he had found in the market. "Have it for breakfast," he suggested, and so a friendship was struck up.

Some of the men told the officer the exchange would not offer them jobs, nor would the board give them money to tide them over till they found work. Others had sunk so low they had lost interest in life. It was hard to get them into a Salvation Army centre, and a long, tedious job before one succeeded in persuading them to find work. But he was concerned with men, especially the younger ones, who were willing to take a job.

How far had he succeeded? After an hour, when all the sandwiches and tea had gone, about twelve plumped for a bed at the Rochdale hostel. The Captain thought this an encouraging number, being something less than a quarter of the brickyard's population that night (he had never seen so many in one brickyard). "And most of them are the younger ones," he added.

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PROMOTION—

To be First-Lieutenant:
Second-Lieutenant Arthur Creighton

APPOINTMENTS—

First-Lieutenant Jessie Mayo: Training College, Toronto, Home Officer
Second-Lieutenant Irene Rebalkin: Hanna (In Charge)

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Senior-Major Nettle Stevenson, out of Brantford, Ont., Corps, April 24, 1919. Last appointment Territorial Headquarters Finance Department. On December 28, 1956

W. Wycliffe Booth
Territorial Commander



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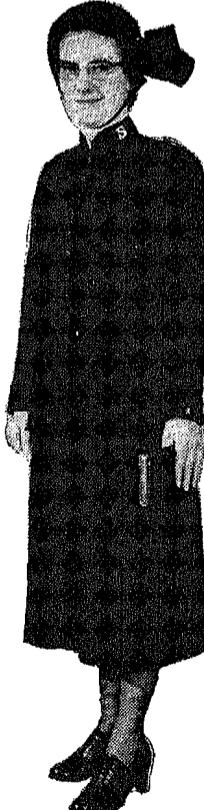
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APPERSON, Tom Wilson. Born 1916, Newtownards, Northern Ireland. May use name Wilson. Last known address Saskatoon, 1938-39. Sister inquiring. 13-696

BENN, John. Age 15. Missing from home in Nanapane, November 13th. 13-818

CARR, Mary Winifred. Born Blantyre, Lanarkshire, August, 1885. Last heard of in 1945-46, when address was High Boulevard, Toronto. Brother inquiring. 13-547

CULLEN, John. Born Wigam, Lancashire, August, 1923. Last heard of in 1949 at Dueix Rivieres (Two Rivers), Ont. 13-790

GRUN, Rudolf. May use Green for surname. Born 1892-93, in Gladava, Poland. Last heard of in 1918. Brother anxious. 13-757

HICKEY, Herbert Basil. Last heard of September 1949, Grimshaw, Alta. 13-823

JOHNS, William Henry. Born Camborne, Cornwall, England, March, 1903. Occupation fitter and turner. Last heard of vicinity Vancouver. 13-788

LAVIGNE, Gladys (nee Haydon). Born Chelsea, London, 1925. Known as Pat. Last heard of 1948. Asbestos, Quebec. Married and two children. Sister inquiring. 13-786

McDOWALL, Robert Ronald. Born Scotland, 1923. Last heard of vicinity Vancouver in 1954. Mother anxious. 13-814

MCLEOD, Emily (nee Thornton). Born Manchester, 1884. Last heard of about 1926 on farm, vicinity Brandon, Man. May have lived in Hamilton. Relatives inquiring. 13-781

MOSS, Klaus. Born Norway, 1893. Last heard of February, 1910, working for timber company at Banff and Oyen, Alta. 13-772

NORTH, Douglas Harold. Born Aldershot, 1925. Emigrated Canada, working at Municipality of Metropolitan Roads Department, Toronto. Last known address, 29 Cosburn Ave., Toronto, in February, 1955. 13-804

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OLSEEN, Soren Vinther. Born Stenstrup, Denmark, 1902. Emigrated Canada, 1925-26, occupation mechanic. Last heard of 1935, Calgary. 13-747

O'NEILL, Maud. Born Manchester, 1886, (nee Ellison). Emigrated Canada, 1912, name Foukies. Last heard of 1919, Verdun, Que., also Montreal, about eight years ago. 13-771

PERSON, Herman. Born Sweden, 1898. Emigrated Canada, 1923. Last heard of vicinity Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. 13-756

TARU, Vello. Born Estonia, 1901. Last heard from Halifax, 1949. 13-791

TURNER, Charles Sidney. Born Lancashire, 1911. Emigrated Canada over twenty years. Last heard of vicinity Beachburg and Fort Erie, Ont. 13-744

PICK THEM NOW

GATHER roses while they blossom; to-morrow is not to-day. Allow no moment to escape; to-morrow is not to-day. Today is the opportunity for enjoyment and work. Knowest thou where thou wilt be to-morrow? Time flies swiftly away. Procrastination of a good deed has often brought repentance; to work while it is called today is my advice; time flies swiftly away.—Glein.

Territorial Tersities

Editor of the bulletin of the Retired Officers' League of Toronto, *The Veteran*, for sixteen years, Colonel G. Attwell has now relinquished his duties. His successor is Lt.-Colonel W. Putt, for many years editor of *The War Cry*.

The sailing of Mrs. Sr.-Captain R. Homewood for India has been unfortunately delayed by the illness of both children. John has recovered but, at last report, the baby, Gillian, is in hospital with gastro-enteritis. The Captain has gone ahead to his appointment.

Second-Lieutenant Pearl and Pro-Lieutenant Marion Donnelly, of the field unit, will be conducting campaigns in the following Mid-Ontario Division Corps; Tweed, January 16-20; Gananoque, Jan. 22-27; Campbellford, Jan. 30-Feb. 3; Lindsay Feb. 5-10; Bowmanville Feb. 13-17.

Improvement following hospitalization is the latest news regarding three officers who are passing through sickness or surgery. They are Mrs. Colonel Wm. Davidson, London's Divisional Commander, Lt.-Colonel C. Warrander and Toronto's Chancellor, Brigadier F. Morrison.

Births: To Sr.-Captain and Mrs. G. Ostryk, a daughter, Catherine Mae, on December 15, 1956; to Captain and Mrs. B. Stevens, a son, on December 28; to Captain and Mrs. F. Halliwell, a daughter, Miriam Rose, on December 30; to Captain and Mrs. F. Watkin, a son, Joseph Frederick Henry, on December 2; to 1st-Lieut. and Mrs. A. Waters, a son, Frederick Arthur, on December 24; to 2nd-Lieut. and Mrs. D. Goodridge, a daughter, Karen May, on December 20.

The report on the Canadian Territory's broadcast programme "This is my Story", for the year ending December, 1956, states that eighty-four radio stations air the programme weekly, it is heard in 1,505,360 homes, and the value of the air time for the year is \$152,532. This Army programme is heard over more radio stations and covers more radio homes than any other religious or any commercial programme. It is heard by 10,000 Canadian troops in Germany, their wives, and thousands of British troops, plus a large number of German people.

CORRECTION

In the account of the Christmas Sunday morning meeting at the Bramwell Booth Temple it was stated that Sr.-Captain P. Kerr took part. This should have read Sr.-Major N. Kerr.

CERTIFICATES WON

THE educational department has issued certificates recently to successful students in the following subjects:

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PERSONAL SOUL - WINNING — 1st-Lieut. Harvey Locke.

HISTORY OF THE SALVATION ARMY, Part 1—1st-Lieut. Robert Dark.

NEW TESTAMENT HISTORY — 2nd-Lieuts. Marjorie George and R. Nelson.

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A Godly And Efficient Officer

Senior-Major N. Stevenson Enters Retirement

NO one could foresee that, as a result of the first "Hallelujah wedding" in the Brantford, Ont. Corps, there would be nearly thirty-eight years of sacrificial, devoted, and capable service given to the Army by the daughter of that marriage. Brought up in the environment of a Salvationists' home, it is not surprising that Nettie Stevenson, after her conversion in a junior meeting at the age of seven, threw herself wholeheartedly into corps activities. She eventually became a corps cadet, guard leader, and company guard.

Commissioned in 1919 from the "Victory" Session, Lieutenant Stevenson was appointed to assist at Preston, Ont., and ten weeks later, was given the command of the New Liskeard and Haileybury Corps. A throat weakness cut short the field service and, as she was a most capable stenographer and

bookkeeper, appointment to office work naturally followed. This included short terms in the Hamilton and Montreal Divisions, then a period on Territorial Headquarters, which culminated in ten years as secretary to the Chief Secretary. She then became divisional young people's secretary for the Windsor Division, followed by a period as divisional helper in the Toronto West Division, office manager of the Windsor Grace Hospital, and divisional secretary Hamilton Division. (Continued foot column 4)



BENEFICIAL RETROSPECT

At Watchnight Service Led By Chief Secretary

IN these days, re-appraisal is a frequently used term. Nations are re-appraising the past in the light of the future. And in that sense in particular, the Watchnight Service conducted at the Toronto Temple (Brigadier and Mrs. T. Murray) by the Chief Secretary and Mrs. Colonel Wm. Davidson, was a time of spiritual re-appraisal. As the last hour of an old year merged into the new, Salvationists and friends alike of this historic old corps, reviewed the past for the sake of the future—their own spiritual future, as well as that of the corps.

Both the Colonel and Mrs. Dav-

idson spoke during the gathering. The band (Bandmaster K. Rix) and songster brigade (Leader R. De'Ath) gave appreciated support. Lt.-Colonel L. Ursaki (R), and Brigadier S. Joyce took part, and many of the comrades made the most of the year's last opportunity to testify. Two persons knelt at the Mercy-Seat.

Prior to the watchnight service, Colonel Davidson and the Divisional Commander, Lt.-Colonel C. Knaap, had met the local officers of the corps at supper, on which occasion the Chief Secretary dispensed helpful words of counsel.



Hungarian Refugees Helped In The West
IMMEDIATELY following the arrival of 109 refugees at Regina, Sask., Sr.-Major and Mrs. W. Lorimer organized the sorting and distributing of used clothing and on the first day handed out 800 articles donated by the citizens. At the right Mrs. Sr.-Major Lorimer is shown in action, with Sr.-Major J. Smith looking on.



The East Also Helps

STARTING EARLY to help her fellowmen, little Vilki Udvarehelyi, daughter of Hungarian parents, who came to Canada a few years ago, drops her donation into the Christmas Cheer Chimney at Port Hope, Ont., where the first day's receipts were used for Hungarian relief. The Commanding Officer, 1st-Lieut. V. Walter, is at the left.

Young Folks Made Happy AT CALGARY

THE seventy-five boys and girls sheltered in the Booth Memorial Children's Home, Calgary Alta., (Sr.-Major and Mrs. G. Wagner) found Christmas to be a wonderful time.

For the twenty-second year the Gyro Club made Christmas day outstanding for the children in the home. Stockings and toys were found at each place at breakfast time. Turkey dinner was provided at noon; then the party commenced. A full-grown horse entertained with tricks, a live deer (Rudolph) appeared with candy in its special blanket, children's films were shown, then Santa arrived on one of the big city fire trucks, and toys and refreshments were distributed.

Prior to Christmas day the children, in various age groups or all together, were entertained by friends. Parties were given by the Sigma Delta Chi Sorority, the Sigma Alpha Fraternity, and the children of an Evangelical Brethren Sunday school. The Beta Sigma Sorority took some of the children shopping for presents for their families and friends, Eaton's Good Deed Club invited them to a special meeting, and they were entertained on a television programme over CHCT. Toys were given to the home by Western Canada High School arts and crafts department. Additional events also brought blessing and joy to the children.

CHILDREN ASSIST WORKERS

SEVERAL groups of singers, supported by piano-accordion, trombone and cornet, brought cheer and blessing to the aged residents of Lambert Lodge, Toronto, as "sunshine bags" and Christmas War Crys were distributed by arrangement of the league of mercy worker, Mrs. C. Ritchie. The elderly people enjoyed also the presence of young children who accompanied Santa Claus and assisted in the distribution. The Toronto L.O.M. Secretary, Mrs. Lt.-Colonel R. Watt, visited the Salvationists in the home.

Some time later, Hilltop Acres was visited by the league and "sunshine bags" and War Crys were given out. The Earls Court Young People's Band gave a musical programme, and Sisters Mrs. P. Young and B. Smith, accompanied by Sr.-Captain Margaret Green on the piano-accordion, sang and played in the wards to those who were unable to attend the band programme. Santa Claus also paid a visit.

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An urge—which had been with her throughout the years—for close-up soul-saving effort, caused her to request field work and the Major had happy commands at Parliament Street and North Toronto Corps. The demands of the Army war, however, brought her back to the business side of the work in Toronto, in various departments, with the final years given in the Finance Department at Territorial Headquarters.

A woman of high integrity and deep spiritual devotion, she has been described by the Financial Secretary, Lt.-Colonel R. Watt, as a conscientious and painstaking worker. He says, "We have always felt that the Major performed her duties with as much consecration as if she had been called upon to work directly with the people and on the platform." She is also known as an able Bible teacher.

There is no doubt that Sr.-Major Stevenson will continue to contribute much to the building of the Kingdom and the best wishes of her comrades and friends go with her as she enters the less strenuous life of retirement.

On The Beat! With Our MUSICIANS

Calling The Tunes

(Continued from previous issues)

374. "ROBIN ADAIR." Composer uncertain.

The words usually associated with this well-known tune and from which it takes its title, commences as follows:

What's this dull town to me?
Robin is not near;
What was't I wished to see,
What wished to hear?
Where all the joy and mirth
Made this town heaven on earth?
Oh, they're all fled with thee,
Robin Adair.

This, however, was in no way the first set of words associated with the tune. For the beginnings of the tune we go back several hundred years. "Robin Adair" is an ancient, Celtic air, whose original title could be translated "A hundred thousand welcomes, Island of my love" and strictly belongs to Ireland as well as Scotland.

The Scottish words "Robin Adair" were written by Lady Caroline Keppel, about 1753. Haydn arranged the Irish version in 1803.

It is of interest to note that Robin Adair was a real personage, a physician and explorer of some note, who eventually married the Lady Caroline Kippel said to have given us the popular words to the tune.

For Salvation Army purposes we are no doubt indebted to Bandmaster Fry, who set his well-known song "God gave His Son for me, Oh, wondrous love" to this tune.

375. "NUTTALL." Brigadier Richard Nuttall.

This very fine tune is named after its composer, the late Brigadier Richard Nuttall, and it was written for the song "Nearer, my God to Thee." At the time of his death, May 2, 1946, the Brigadier was the General Secretary of the Madras and Telugu Territory, India, and he was promoted to Glory from the Madras General Hospital.

Before becoming an officer he was the bandmaster of the Blackpool Citadel Band, and was widely known as a Salvation Army composer. His published music included two marches, "Blackpool No. 2" and "Consecrated Service"; two selections, "Wanderer's Return" and a "Peep into India"; and ten vocal pieces, including the well-known:

"Sunshine" song — "Shining, shining, when all the way seemed gloomy; Guiding, guiding, just where the Saviour would go."

In 1919 he sold his business in Blackpool in order that he and his wife might enter the International Training College, London. After passing through the college, his appointments included terms as divisional commander; training officer for the Madras and Telugu Territory; the charge of a boy's school, and finally general secretary. He was known as Anand Das—"Happy Servant"—and was loved, it is said, by everyone.

His tune "Nuttall" has become deservedly famous. Only one week before the promotion to Glory of the Brigadier, the General, the members of the High Council and the International Staff Band paid him an unwitting farewell tribute. It was this stately melody which resounded through the Royal Albert Hall as the High Council was welcomed.

(To be continued)



Songsters On The Air!

English Christian Broadcasts

A NEW series of religious broadcasts commenced last month on Saturday, December 15, under the auspices of the Christian Broadcast Association. Songster brigades, as well as church choirs, are to participate in these programmes, which will be broadcast from "Radio Monte Carlo", "Radio Tangiers", "Los Angeles" and other stations in many parts of the world.

In the first service Regent Hall Songster Brigade (Ron Nunn) will be singing some Army favourites and individual members of the brigade will be heard praying, testifying and reading from the Scriptures.

This is from 8.30 to 9 p.m. on short wave 31 m. Similar programmes from this station ("Radio Tangiers") will be broadcast every Saturday evening at the same time and on Sunday mornings, 9 to 9.15.

The broadcasts from "Radio Monte Carlo" (medium wave, 205 m.; short wave, 42.02 m. and 49.71 m.) will take place every Friday at 11.35 to 11.50 p.m.—"The Musician," London.

Editor's note: We would like to know if there are any comrades who are able to receive, or who are interested in short-wave broadcasts, as there has been some increase lately, in the scope and opportunity for such Army broadcasts from several countries.

NEW CHORUSES

FOR YOUR NEXT MEETING

TUNE: Now is the Hour.
Jesus is love, He is my guide and stay.
Jesus will keep me all along life's way,
He's by my side, wherever I may be,
I'll do His will throughout eternity.

TUNE: You Can't Be True Dear.
The love of Jesus, none other can
compare
It lifts the burden when there's trouble
and care,
It's strong and boundless, it's mighty as
the sea,
And through His goodness, He will give
it unto me.

—Corps Secretary, A. Venables,
Lethbridge, Alta.

FOR OPEN AIR SALVATIONISTS

IN the old days it was a little folding organ that Salvationists hauled to street meetings, jail services, etc. Now it is a portable piano. It is reported that the Wurlitzer Company has a new electronic piano weighing only seventy-two pounds which can be carried in the trunk of an automobile. It has sixty-four keys and a pianolike tone. Best of all, it does not take a lot of laborious foot-pumping. Plugged into an electrical outlet it can be played with less effort than a conventional piano.—Gospel Herald

MUSIC AT THUNDER BAY

THE Port Arthur (Ont.) Band performed an appreciated service in the city on Christmas Eve, by providing the music for the civic caroling around the huge Christmas Tree in Connaught Park. Mr. G. Wardrobe, M.P.P., expressed appreciation to the Commanding Officer, Captain F. Halliwell, as did the Mayor, Mrs. Eunice Wishart.

Musical Internationalia

A great time of rejoicing was held at Petersham (N.S.W.) Australia, recently, when a FIVE-MONTH instrument scheme culminated in the presentation of a complete new set for the band. Colonel H. Wallace the song-writer and new Chief Secretary for the Eastern Territory presided.

Points as far apart as Utica, N.Y., and St. Petersburg, Florida, have been touched by St. Catharines, Ont., bandmen within the past few weeks. At the former, the band (Bandmaster G. Dix) and the Commanding Officer, Sr.-Captain H. Sharp, campaigned effectively, and stirred several communities in the northern portion of the state. The quartette comprising Sergt.-Major G. Sparks, Deputy Songster Leader A. Beard, Young People's Sergt.-Major R. Adams and Bandmaster G. Dix, presented excellent programmes at the St. Petersburg Corps, providing a treat for old Canadian comrades in the vicinity.

"Friendly Phil" finds friends—says THE WAR CRY, New York, in reporting a recent visit of Brother Phil Catlin, to the Metropolitan New York area. He was introduced by Sr.-Captain R. Holz, conducted one or two of his compositions, gave a high-class demonstration of his mastery of the tuba, playing excerpts from Vaughn Williams' concerto for that instrument. Brother Erik Leidzen expressed the pleasure of all Army mu-

sicians in the United States, that "Phil is one of us—in spirit, mind and heart".

Two more recordings were made by the International Staff Band, following a recent week-end visit to Folkestone. This time they are vocal. "The World for God" (with brass accompaniment) and "By the Way of the Cross" were the two numbers. The band also provided a vocal background to Bandman Lawrence Mallyon's solo, "Come Home". Captain Ray Allen was at the organ.

The London Girl Songsters conducted by Songster Leader Mrs. Muriel Packham with her sister, Songster Mrs. Phillis Metcalf at the piano, recorded a number of songs.

For the first time for nearly ten years the Buenos Aires Band campaigned at the Central Corps in Rosario de Santa Fe, where Captain and Mrs. K. Tout are the officers.

The Buenos Aires Band of eighteen musicians is under the leadership of Bandmaster Douglas Amaxopoulos, a son of Brigadier Hercules Amaxopoulos, and its most ambitious achievement during the campaign was a well-rehearsed rendering of the air varié, "A Sunbeam".

In the great city of Rosario much interest was aroused by the open-air meetings arranged with special police permission, and the sight of what is perhaps the biggest Salvation Army band within thousands of miles.



A PLATFORM PANORAMA OF THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL—given by the singing companies of the Metropolitan Toronto Division. The Chief Secretary who presided, and Mrs. Colonel W. Davidson, with territorial and divisional youth leaders are seen at lower right front of the BRAMWELL BOOTH TEMPLE.

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Tidings from the Territory

More House-To-House Visitation Victories

ALL corps officers of the territory were urged to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in calling their soldiers to aid them in further house-to-house visitations in the autumn of 1956 or the early months of the New Year. Encouraging reports have come from many centres, some which had their campaigns as early as September past. Other corps have yet to be heard from.

A few "samples" picked more or less at random from the reports received and examined by the Council of War are given for the encouragement of comrades who may have been reluctant to engage in this hand-to-hand fighting for the Lord.

From **Saskatoon Westside** (Sr. Major and Mrs. A. Thomas) we learn that they had two conversions through the visitation effort and new families are attending the meetings. Five prospective adherents were found in house-to-house work at **Nipawin**, Sask. (2nd-Lieut. K. Hall). Distant **Peace River**, Alta., (Envoy and Mrs. H. Weaver) states that five new families are attending meetings as a result of visitations. From **Hespeler**, Ont., (2nd-Lieut. and Mrs. D. Randall) we learn that two people reached during visitation have been converted. At **Brantford** (Brigadier and Mrs. B. Jones) the Army joined with the churches in a visitation crusade and, as a result, new families are coming to the meetings and a remarkable increase in company meeting attendances is revealed.

Large Family Saved

A family of eight was converted as a result of visitation at **Kingsville**, Ont., (Captain V. Droumbolis, 2nd-Lieut. G. Evenden) and the children have been enrolled as junior soldiers. At **London Oak Street**, (Captains D. Arnburg and M. Hicks) twenty-seven new children were secured for the company meeting and one new family for the corps. From visitation the **Windsor Partington Avenue** Corps (Major and Mrs. B. Bernat) reports thirteen new children and eight adults, with a senior soldier enrolled.

At **Fort William**, Ont., (Captain and Mrs. E. Brown) the Bible was read and prayer offered in forty-eight homes and some fine contacts made. About ten new families have been linked up at **Picton**, Ont., (1st-Lieut. and Mrs. D. McNeilly) and company meeting attendances have advanced by fifty percent.

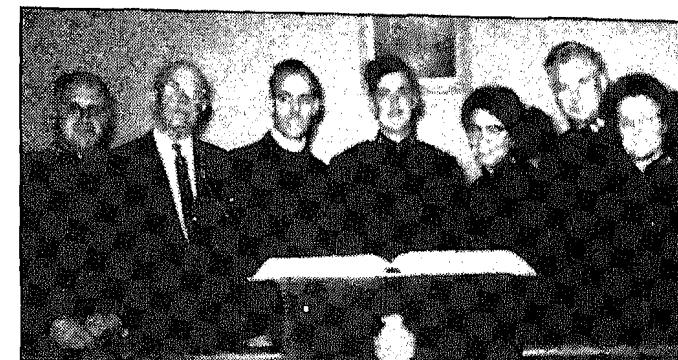
At **Bridgewater**, N.S. (2nd-Lieut. R. Stanley) the corps cadets went visiting and secured three new company meeting members; three new home league members were also made. From **Glace Bay**, N.S., (Captain and Mrs. F. Lewis) we learn that three backsiders were restored through the effort. As a result of visitation by **Halifax Citadel** (Major and Mrs. W. Slous) comrades in the new suburb of Kline Heights, an outpost has been opened with home league and company meeting started. At **Halifax North End**, where the effort will continue after the New Year, new families have been secured for corps and company meeting.

At **Orangeville**, Ont., (2nd-Lieut. E. Marshall, Pro-Lieut. H. Tilley) workers concentrated successfully on about 100 families with present and past Army links; a number of families have resumed attending the corps and several people have renewed their vows to God.

Forty-three children were brought to the company meeting at **Long Branch**, Toronto, (Captain and Mrs. F. Watkin), seven backsiders are

coming back to the meetings and three have been restored! In this corps a trailer camp visitation blitz was conducted and arrangements have been made to bring children contacted to the corps company meeting; a home league has been started in the camp as well as a mid-week children's meeting.

Toronto Temple (Brigadier and Mrs. T. Murray) advises that two men contacted in visitation were linked with the Harbour Light



Upper: AT OPENING of Leamington annex (left to right): Sr. Major I. Halsey, Mr. H. Link, Rev. B. Hodder, Sr.-Captain F. Pierce, Mrs. Pierce, Sr.-Major C. Stickland, Mrs. Stickland, Captain V. Droumbolis. (See report.) Lower: Members of the Loyal Orange Association attend divine service during the 68th anniversary gatherings at St. John's Citadel. On the platform are Major D. Moulton, of New York, and the Corps Officers, Sr.-Captain and Mrs. A. Pritchett.

Corps and are being aided in their struggle against alcoholism.

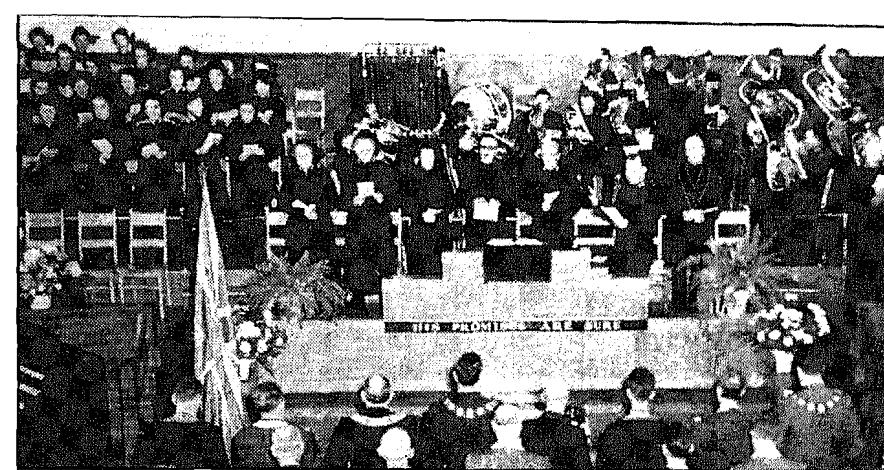
Oakville, Ont. (2nd-Lieut. and Mrs. W. Walter) obtained ten new company meeting members and two more women for the home league. **Toronto I** (Captain and Mrs. J. Tackaberry) operating in a difficult down-town district, found fifteen new children for the company meeting.

Port Arthur, Ont. (Captain and Mrs. F. Halliwell). More than thirty Scandinavian persons enjoyed a Christmas party at the hall. On the next evening, the home league members held their celebration. League of mercy workers, Mrs. J. Neill and Mrs. R. Henderson, accompanied the commanding officer to the General Hospital when 120 "sunshine bags" and Christmas War Crys were distributed.

Mount Dennis, Ont. (Captain and Mrs. R. Chapman). A family worship service was held on Christmas Sunday morning, with all members of the families sitting together. A Bible was presented to the largest family in attendance and this was won by the Ritchie family, with thirteen present. The young people's singing company led by Deputy Songster Leader D. Howell, provided vocal selections. On Sunday afternoon, parents and friends joined the young folks in singing carols and enjoyed a film with a Christmas message. A candle-light service was held in the evening and one seeker knelt at the Mercy-Seat.

SEND REPORTS PROMPTLY

IT would be appreciated if corps officers would forward promptly reports of corps activities, the visits of special officers and the promotion to Glory of soldiers. The Editor asks your co-operation in the endeavour to publish these reports or tributes as soon as possible after the occurrence.



Picton's Seventy-Third "Birthday"

THE seventy-third anniversary services at **Picton**, Ont. (1st-Lieut. and Mrs. D. McNeilly) were conducted by the Divisional Commander and Mrs. Brigadier M. Flanagan, supported by the Divisional Young People's Secretary, Major M. Sharp, and 2nd-Lieut. B. Bissell. The visitors met with the local officers early on Saturday evening, after which a public praise meeting was held. On Sunday, Major Sharp gave the holiness message in the morning, and several persons sought the blessing of a clean heart. The divisional commander spoke to a crowded hall in the evening, and seekers again knelt at the Mercy-Seat.

On a recent Saturday, a successful home league sale and tea were held, the event being opened by Mrs. Flanagan. On the same day the corps entered a float in the Santa Claus parade which, entitled "The Living

Word", portrayed the and the manger scene, herds kneeling in adoration standing over the angel.

The families of the and the men's club sat turkey supper at Christ with 125 present. The evcluded with a carol-sing showing of religious films.

The Christmas Sunday were conducted by Ma when the presence of God

Leamington, Ont. (Sr. Mrs. F. Pierce). A new people's hall and home have been provided by t of an annex to the mai This was dedicated and c recent Sunday afterno Major C. Stickland, Publ representative for Wind. Sr.-Major I. Halsey, Citadel, offered the dedic er which was followed by vocal quartette. The Ser tion was read by Mrs. Pierce, Rev. B. L. H greetings from the Association, Mrs. N. J. Kingsville, played a pi Captain Viola Droumbol ville, offered prayer. The ing officer spoke words ation to Mr. H. Link, the and various Leamington men who donated fixtbour. Attention was als the gifts of floral arran

FOR LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

IT FITS EVERYBODY

ONE peculiar quality of the Bible is the universality of its message. It contains lessons of comfort and direction for all mankind. It fits every individual need of humanity seeking spiritual guidance. The same text conveys solace differently to different readers, according to their special needs and varying temperaments.

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How powerful the Book has been in awakening men and women to a sense of their responsibilities to God is told in the world annals. Whole nations have come to a knowledge of their Creator through their possession and study of the Scriptures. It has been the instrument in God's hands for the regeneration of the world. It arouses the individual, then the community, and finally the nation to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus Christ.

As the lessons learned are applied in conduct men and nations reach higher levels of service, and set higher standards for community and national life, moving forward to the perfect social state foretold as the time when the lion and the lamb shall lie down together and a little child shall lead them.

God says: "My Word shall not return unto me void, but shall accomplish that which I please."

Blessings we enjoy daily, and for the most of them, because they be so common, men forget to pay their praises. But let not us, because it is a sacrifice so pleasing to Him who still protects us, and gives us flowers and showers, and meat, and content.—Izaac Walton.

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The Coat Just Fitted

AN UP-TO-DATE CHRISTMAS STORY

ON the Friday night before Christmas, we were out serenading with "C" band of our corps. We were of the shock troops—the collectors! It was a fine district, and as we went from house to house, accompanied by the strains of the carols, the people were as kind as ever. (As we collected, we hoped we never take this kindness for granted.) A genial, round-faced, middle-aged man pushed a two-dollar bill into our box, and said, "Just a second. I think my son has something for you." And indeed he had! Without fuss or ceremony, or asking for credit or receipt, he pushed two \$10 bills into the box!

At a front door a few houses down, a lad said, "Sorry sir, I gave at school today." Then from the kitchen, it seemed, a female voice asked, "Who's that, son?"

"It's The Salvation Army, mother."

"My boy, don't you ever turn them away. They were good to us in other days. Get two dollars out of my purse, and give it to them. And wish them a merry Christmas."

And so on we went. And it wasn't always two dollars and ten dollars, but whatever it was, it was given in a true spirit of Christmas—from a generous heart, with a kindly smile. So much so, that there could be nothing of drudgery in it.

Just then a woman from the other side of the street called out in the darkness, "Salvation Army! Would you mind coming over here?"

We went over, into the gleaming, decorated lobby of a lovely home.

And there was the woman with an overcoat over her arm.

"A short time ago," she began, "my husband died. Could you find someone who would use and appreciate his coat?"

"Of course, madam," we replied.

"It might need just a little fixing." And then she added in a low voice, "You know Captain, this is a sad Christmas for me. I'm trying



to cover up a broken heart with a smile." She could say no more. Tears filled her eyes, and choked back her words, and quickly she turned away. We followed her with "God bless and keep you! Thank you! We'll see the right person gets the coat." And if ever we meant anything, we meant that.

Next day we took the coat down to our welfare director. If anyone could find the right person, he

would. And by noon our hopes been fulfilled for, into the of the Brigadier, came a young who had just been released a penal institution, and was o way home to see his mother Christmas—for the first tim some years.

After dispensing a little spi advice, the Brigadier noticed dear fellow was wearing a sl coat—far too shabby for a man on a mission so import his. Ah! there was the ove Just the thing! And it was ju thing, too. Right length o right sleeve length, snug across the shoulders . . . it s made to measure. No happy walked out of any office tha urday before Christmas.

Mission completed? Not We phoned the woman to te about it. The English lar doesn't have words really scribe what she felt.

You say the world is gloom skies are grim and gray, the has lost its quiet, you fear th ing day? The world is wh make it, the sky is gray o just as your soul may paint isn't the world—it's you!

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Christianity In The News

ADVICE BY PHONE

• Clergymen and physicians have joined recently to aid the "despairing" by offering spiritual counsel and comfort via the telephone.

The service is sponsored by the Order of St. Luke, an international Protestant Episcopal group which promotes co-operation among pastors, doctors and psychiatrists in aiding the sick.

The project was initiated at a recent meeting of the order where a report showed that since the end of World War Two, the suicide rate in Germany has risen 140 per cent, with nearly 1,000 doing away with their lives every month.

Within a few days after the telephone ministry was announced in the press, sixty calls were received and the counsellors dissuaded several people from committing suicide.

The Order of St. Luke, founded in England in 1947, has 1,400 members in more than fifty countries, including Canada. It publishes a monthly, *Sharing*.

RELIGIOUS CIRCULATION UP

• The circulation of religious periodicals is increasing in West Germany. The latest press directory published in Berlin lists 492 church publications. They constitute the second largest group of publications in West Germany. They have an aggregate circulation of almost seventeen million. Two hundred and fifty-four Roman Catholic papers have a circulation of 10,454,000, and 310 Protestant publications 4,700,000.

NATIVES TAKE OVER

• A missionary of the American Lutheran Church in India said at Blue Island, Ill., that responsibility for operating the denomination's mission work there is being gradually turned over to the native Church.

Dr. Carl Oberdorfer said that after two years all institutions on the India field formerly administered by the ALC Foreign Mission Board will be handed over completely to the Lutheran Church.

The eleven-year-old Southra Lutheran Church, a pr the ALC's foreign missio gramme, has 13,500 membe

CHINESE PASTOR

• The Rev. I. Hsin Liu, of Shantung, who came United States in 1947 to the University of Southe California, has been named pastor of the Methodist ch Morristown, Minn., and by Elysian, Minn.

He is the first Chinese to pastor of a Methodist chur state and one of the few e in charge of a church of nomination anywhere country.

Mr. Liu, fifty-nine, had twenty-seven year past China before coming to the States. He also was sup mission elementary school some time was secretary Methodist North China ar

His wife and two stayed in Peiping when h this country, and he has able to establish contact since 1951.



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